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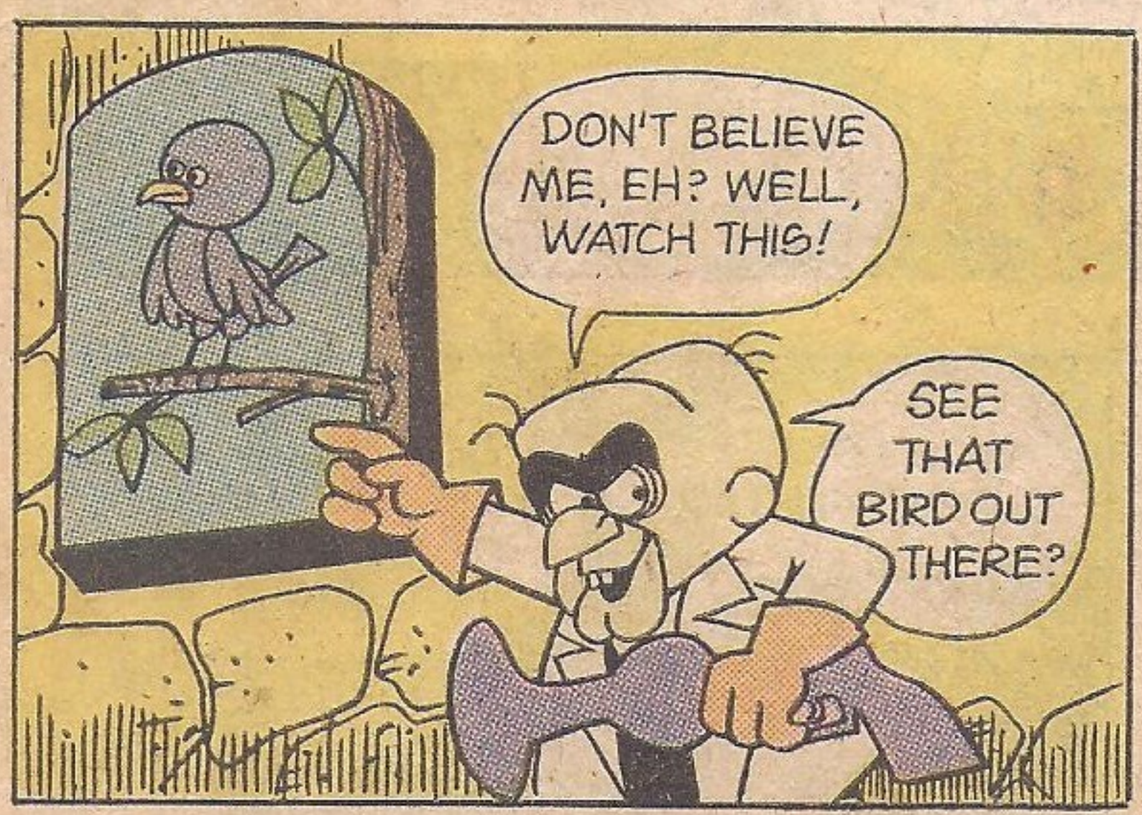

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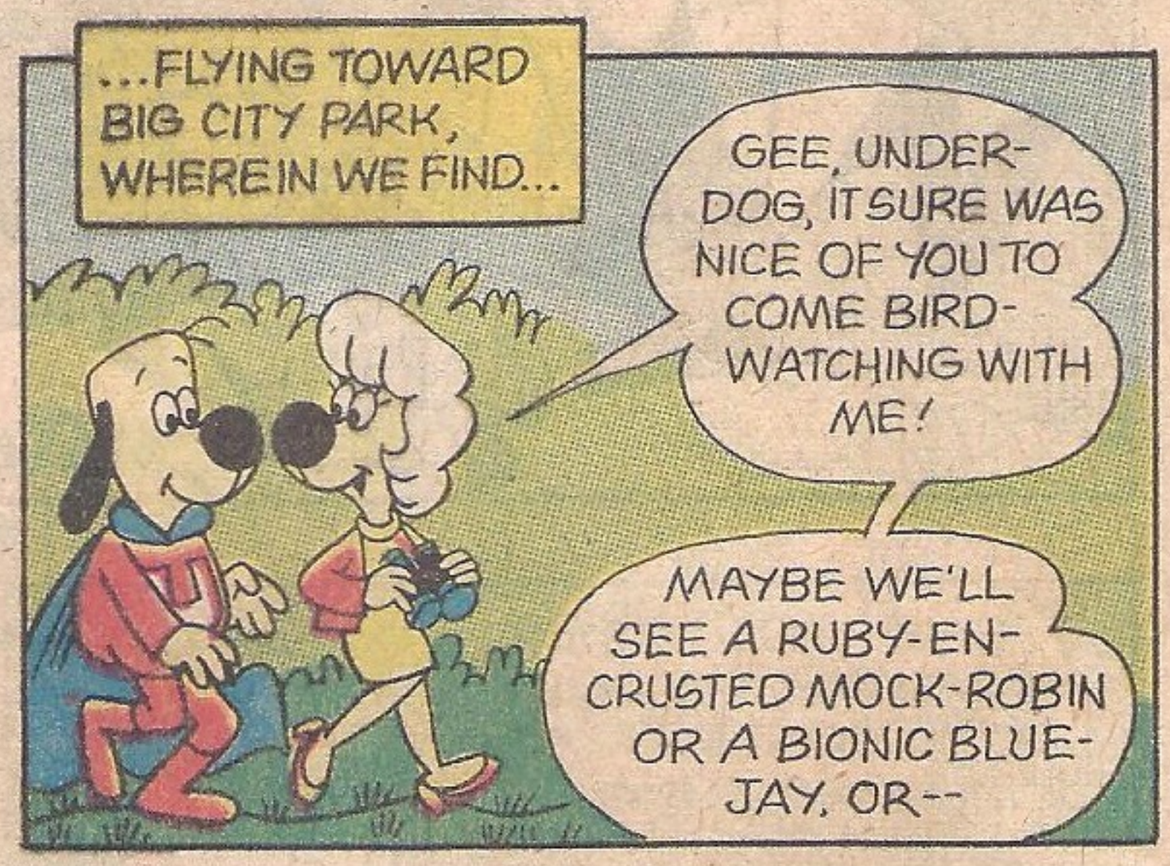
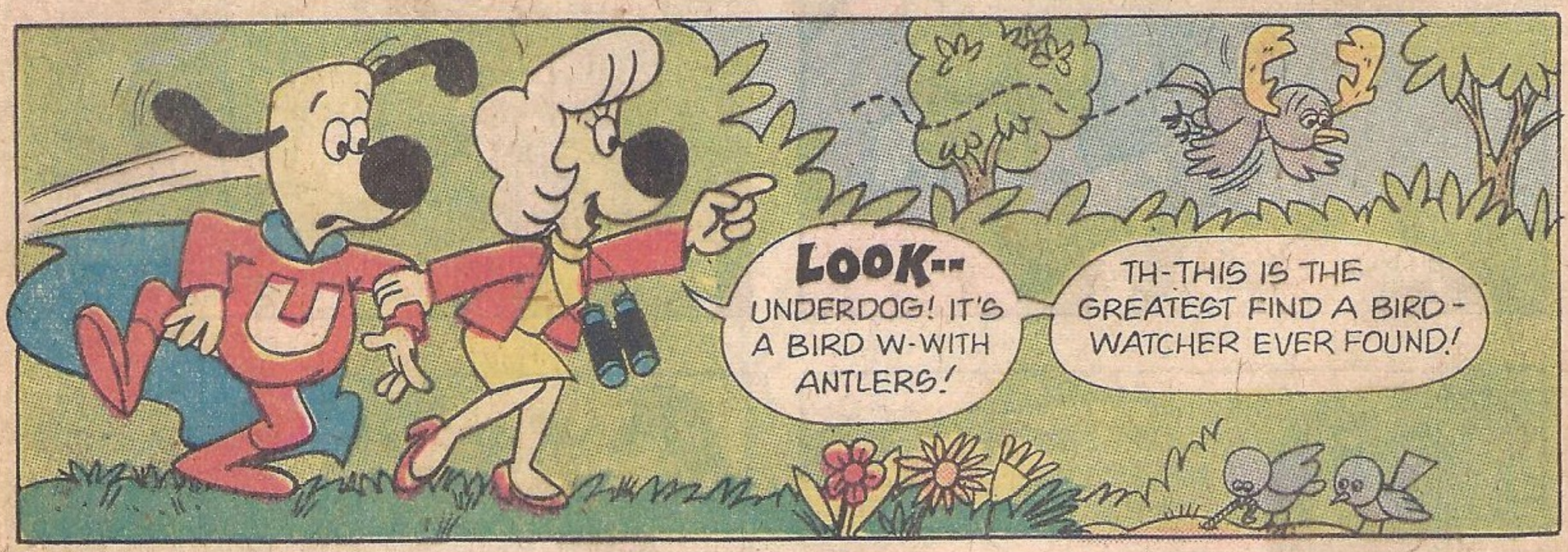
...I DON'T GET IT!
HOW IS THAT GONNA HELP US DEFEAT THAT SUPERPOWERED FINK?
SIMON SAYS-- JUST WAIT!

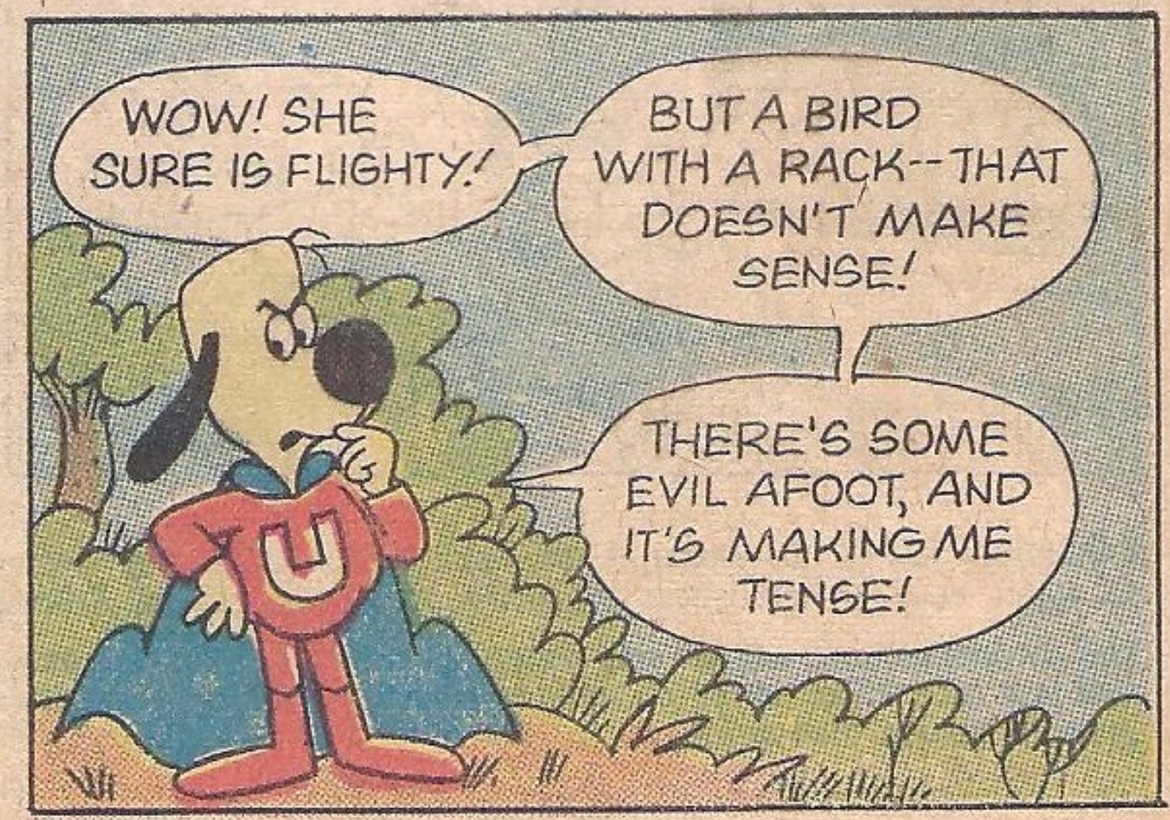
NOW, C'MON ALONG!
?
WE'RE GOING TO ROB THE BIGGEST JEWELRY STORE IN ALL OF BIG CITY!

MEANWHILE, THOUGH HEAVY OF HEAD, THE TEST-BIRD IS STILL IN FLIGHT...


...FLYING TOWARD BIG CITY PARK, WHEREIN WE FIND...
GEE, UNDER-DOG, IT SURE WAS NICE OF YOU TO COME BIRD-WATCHING WITH ME!
MAYBE WE'LL SEE A RUBY-EN-CRUSTED MOCK-ROBIN OR A BIONIC BLUE-JAY, OR--

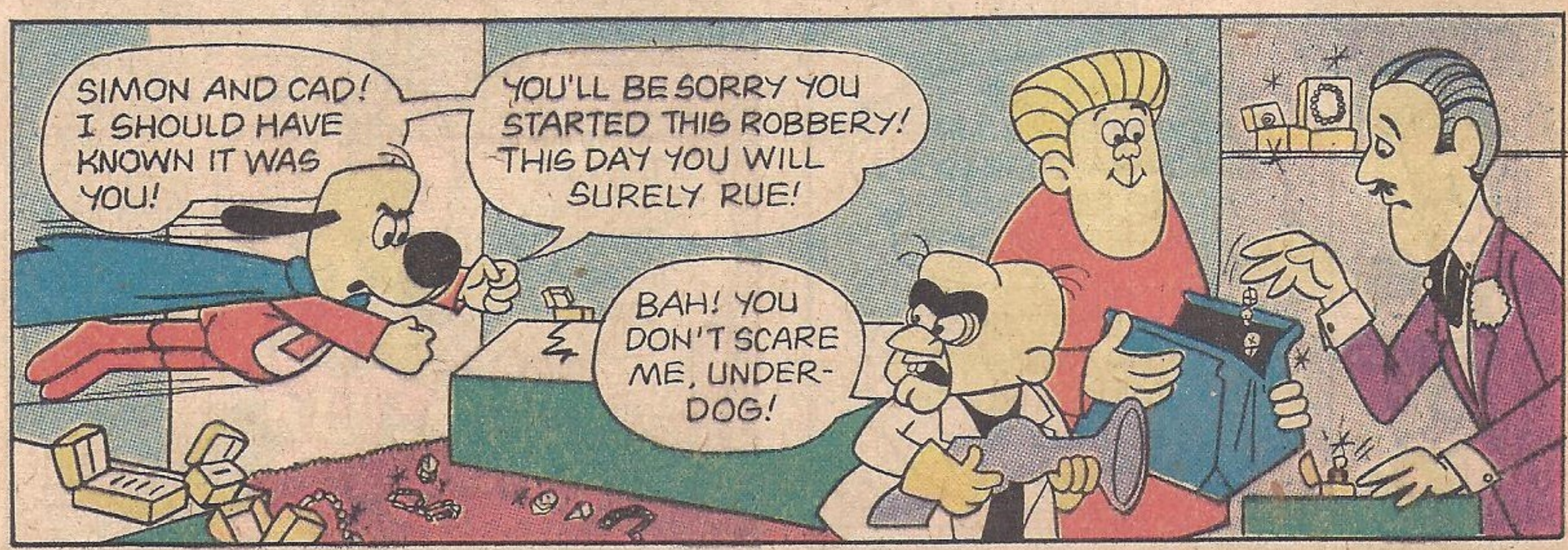

LOOK-- UNDERDOG! IT'S A BIRD W-WITH ANTLERS!
TH-THIS IS THE GREATEST FIND A BIRD-WATCHER EVER FOUND!

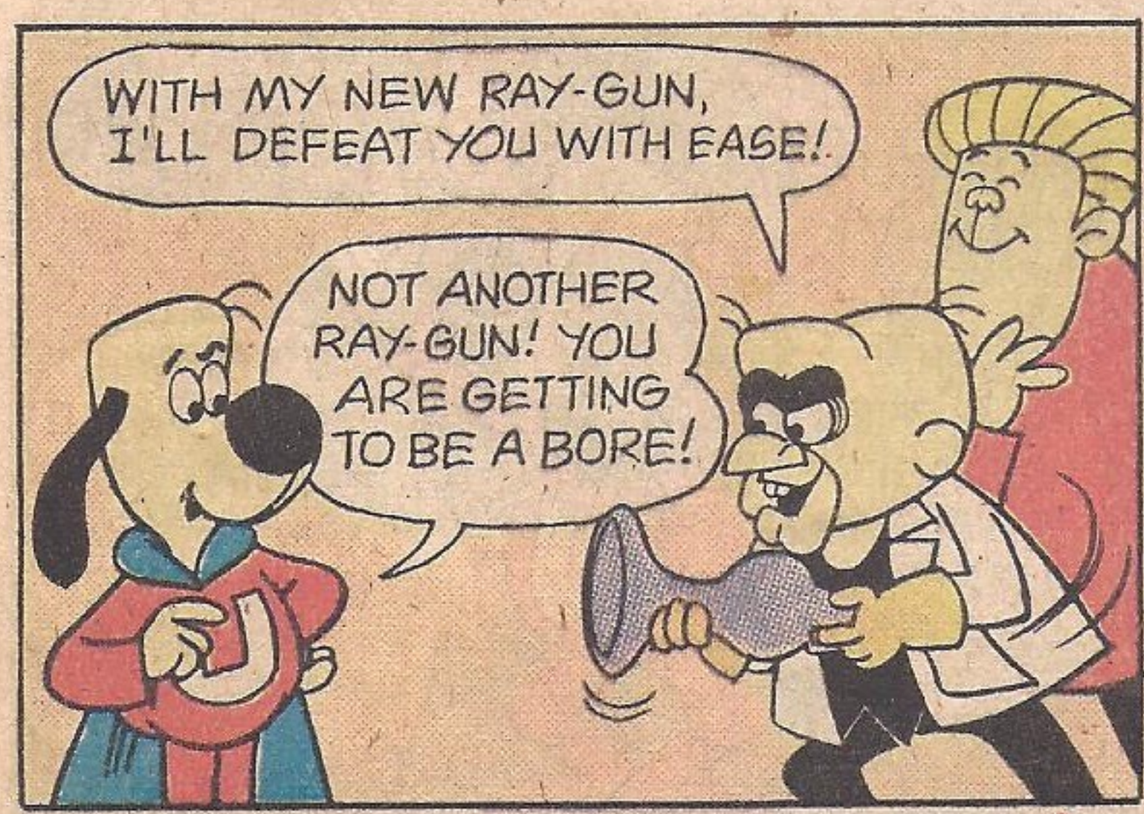
I'VE GOT TO FOLLOW IT! MAYBE I'LL GET TO SEE A WHOLE NEST OF BIRDS WITH ANTLERS!
BUT, SWEET POLLY--

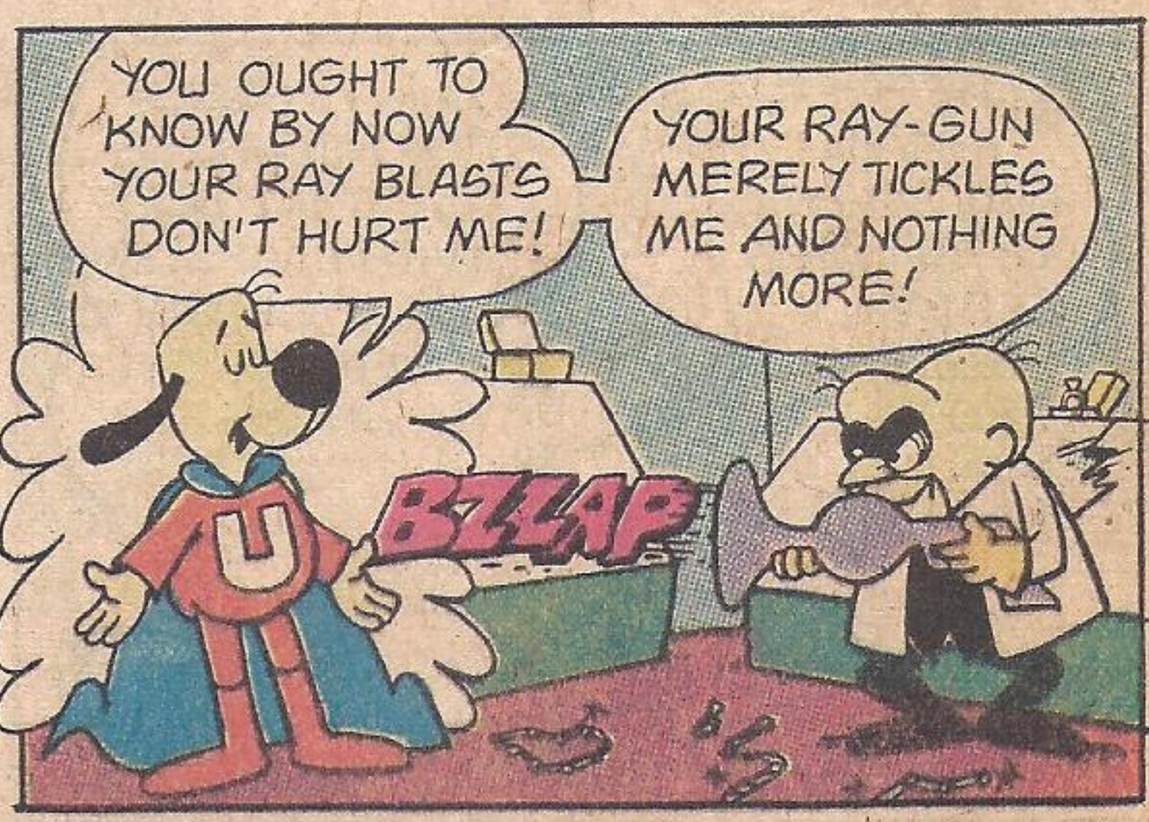

WOW! SHE SURE IS FLIGHTY!
BUT A BIRD WITH A RACK--THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!
THERE'S SOME EVIL AFOOT, AND IT'S MAKING ME TENSE!

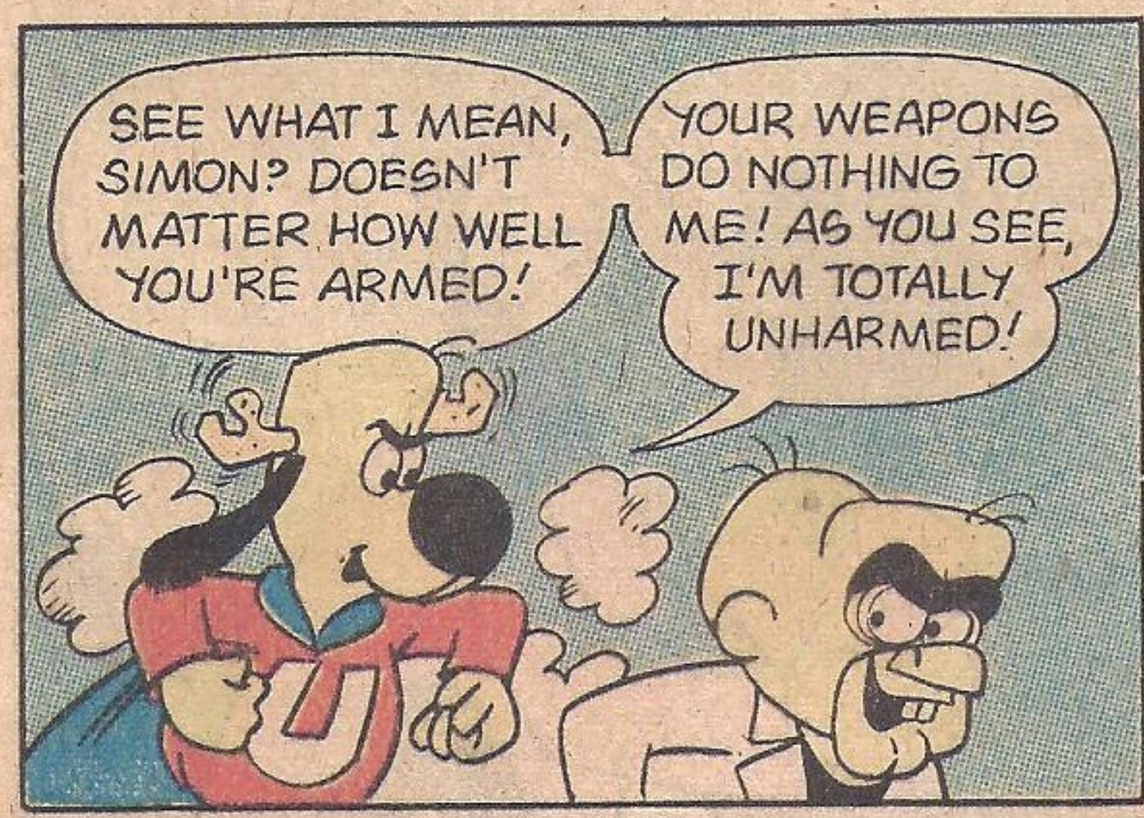
WAIT! WHAT'S THAT I HEAR? A HARRIED CRY, A PLEADING YELP!
TIME FOR ME TO GET OUT OF HERE...

...BECAUSE, ELSEWHERE, SOMEONE NEEDS MY HELP!


SIMON AND CAD! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WAS YOU!
YOU'LL BE SORRY YOU STARTED THIS ROBBERY! THIS DAY YOU WILL SURELY RUE!
BAH! YOU DON'T SCARE ME, UNDER-DOG!

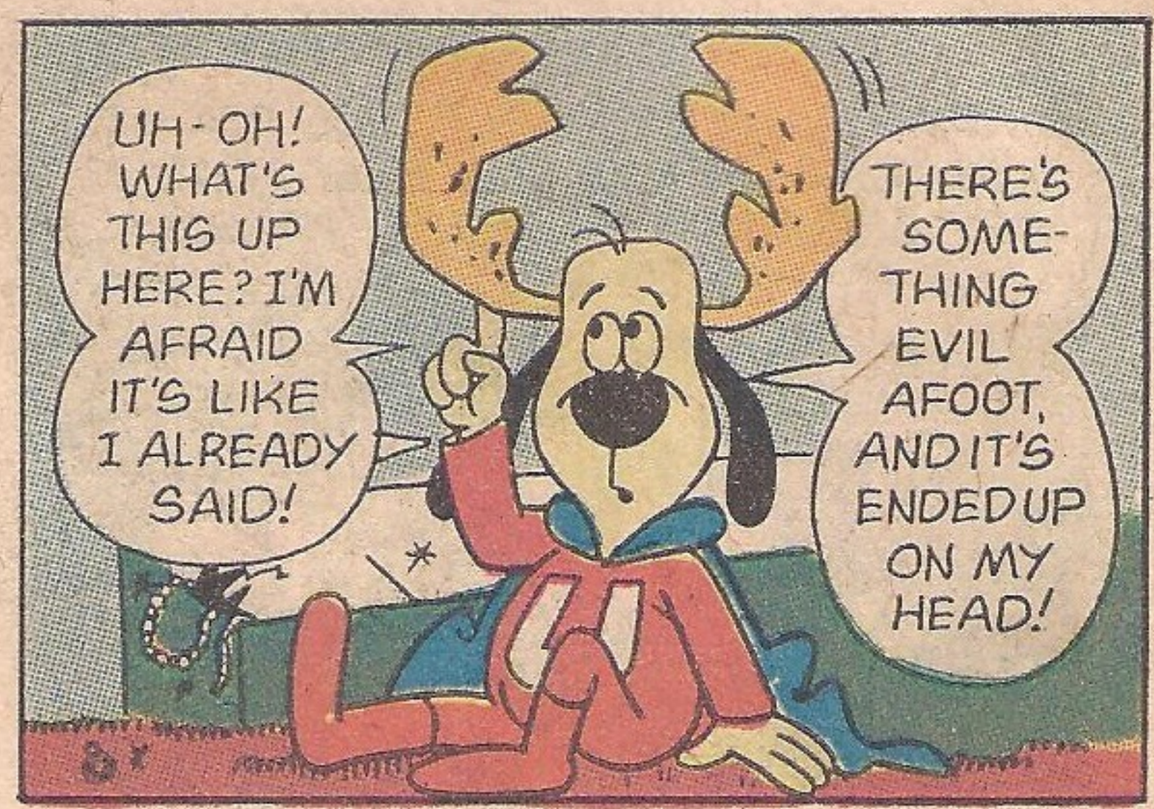

WITH MY NEW RAY-GUN, I'LL DEFEAT YOU WITH EASE!
NOT ANOTHER RAY-GUN! YOU ARE GETTING TO BE A BORE!

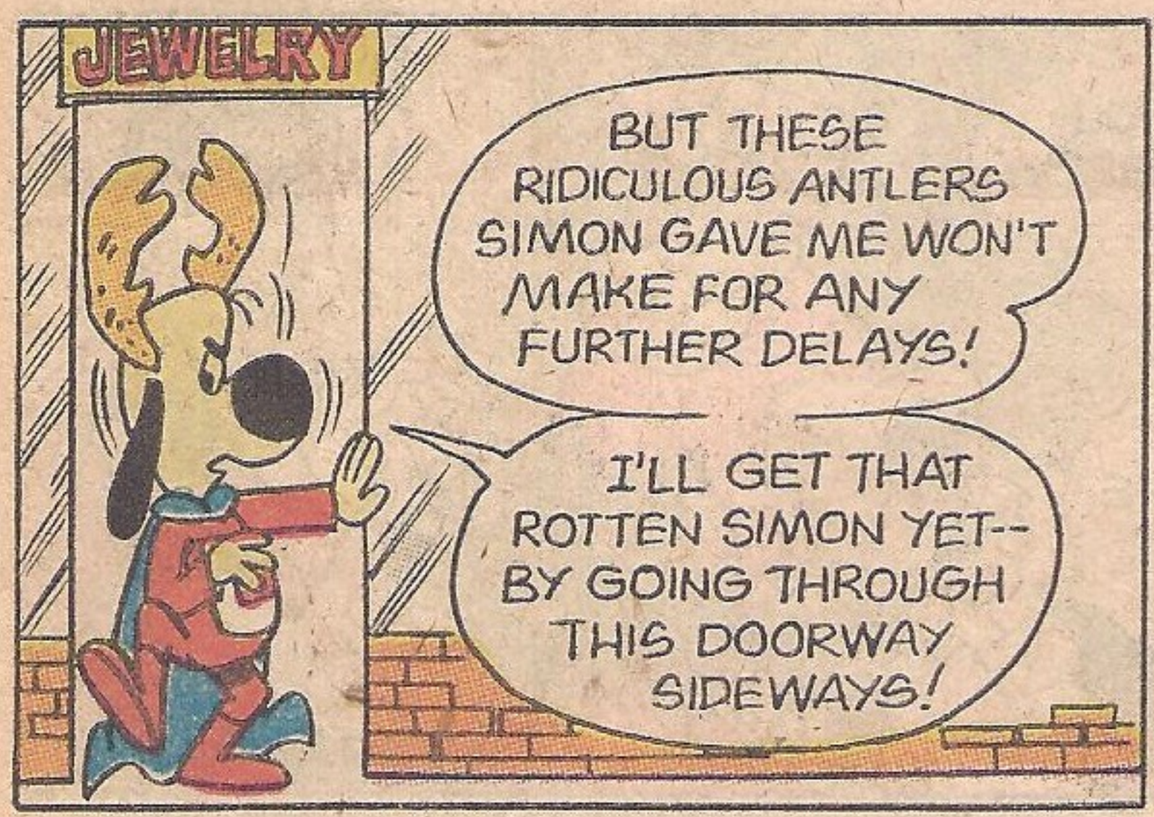

YOU OUGHT TO KNOW BY NOW YOUR RAY BLASTS DON'T HURT ME!
YOUR RAY-GUN MERELY TICKLES ME AND NOTHING MORE!
BZZAP


SEE WHAT I MEAN, SIMON? DOESN'T MATTER HOW WELL YOU'RE ARMED!
YOUR WEAPONS DO NOTHING TO ME! AS YOU SEE, I'M TOTALLY UNHARMED!

THROUGH THIS DOORWAY! HE WON'T BE ABLE TO FOL-LOW US THROUGH HERE!
HUNH? WHY NOT, BOSS?
YOU'LL SEE, YOU DOPE! YOU'LL SEE!

AND AS UNDER-DOG TRIES TO RUSH THROUGH THE DOOR-WAY...
WHACK!
WHAT THE--?


UH-OH! WHAT'S THIS UP HERE? I'M AFRAID IT'S LIKE I ALREADY SAID!
THERE'S SOME-THING EVIL AFOOT, AND IT'S ENDED UP ON MY HEAD!


JEWELRY
BUT THESE RIDICULOUS ANTLERS SIMON GAVE ME WON'T MAKE FOR ANY FURTHER DELAYS!
I'LL GET THAT ROTTEN SIMON YET-- BY GOING THROUGH THIS DOORWAY SIDEWAYS!

HOWEVER...
THEY'RE GONE! THEY'VE ALREADY MADE THEIR GET-AWAY!
IF ONLY THESE STUPID ANTLERS HADN'T GOTTEN SO MUCH IN THE WAY!

-THIS SILLY NEW SCHEME OF SIMON'S CERTAINLY HAS ME TROUBLED...
...AND VEXED! STILL I COULD DE-FEAT THAT THIEF WITH EASE... IF ONLY I KNEW WHERE HE'S GOING TO STRIKE NEXT!

WAIT! HE'S BEEN STEALING JEWELS, AND THAT GIVES ME A CLUE!
I THINK I KNOW WHAT HE MAY BE PLANNING NEXT, AND HOW TO MAKE HIS PLANS FALL THROUGH!

MEANWHILE...
HA! NOW WE'RE GOING AFTER EVEN BIGGER JEWELS!
HUNH? BUT, BOSS, WHERE ARE WE GOING TO FIND JEWELS ANY BIGGER THAN THIS?

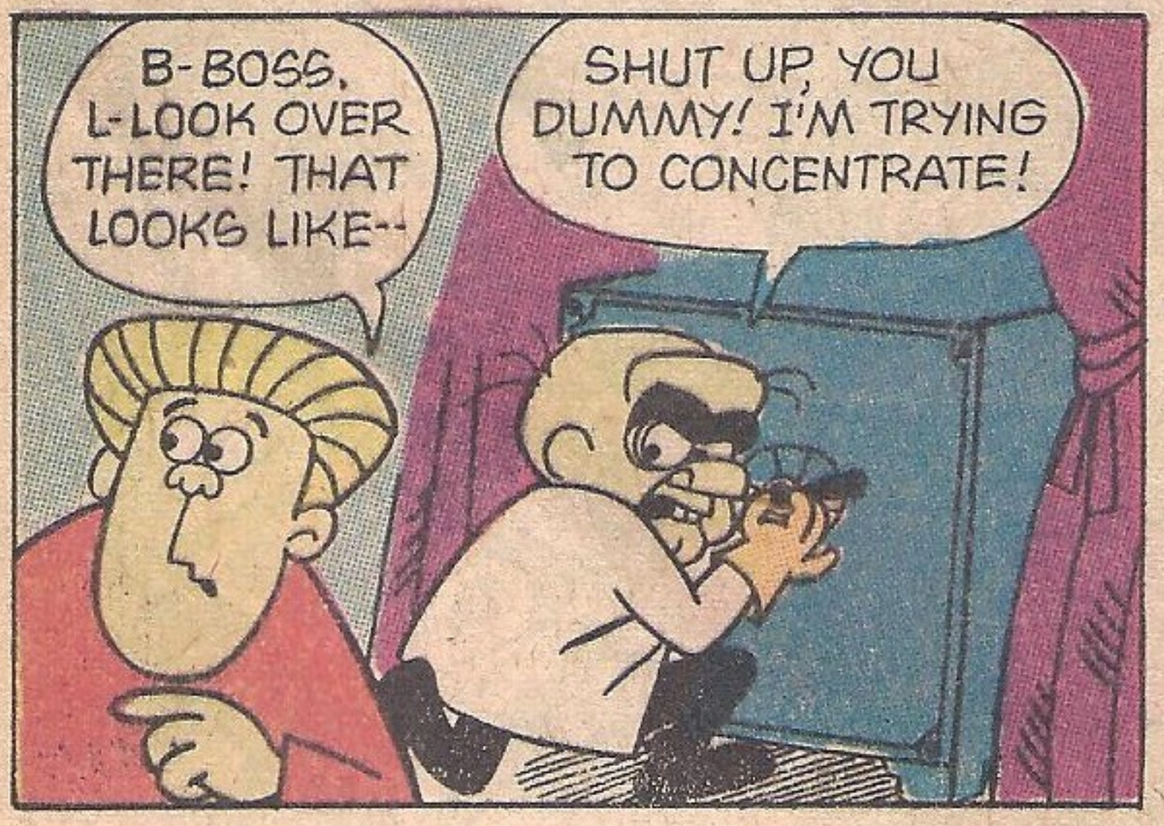
EASY, YOU FOOL!... THE MILLIONAIRE, WARREN SAVIN, OWNS THE LARGEST PRIVATE COLLECTION OF JEWELS IN THE WORLD!
AND WE'RE GOING TO GET THEM!

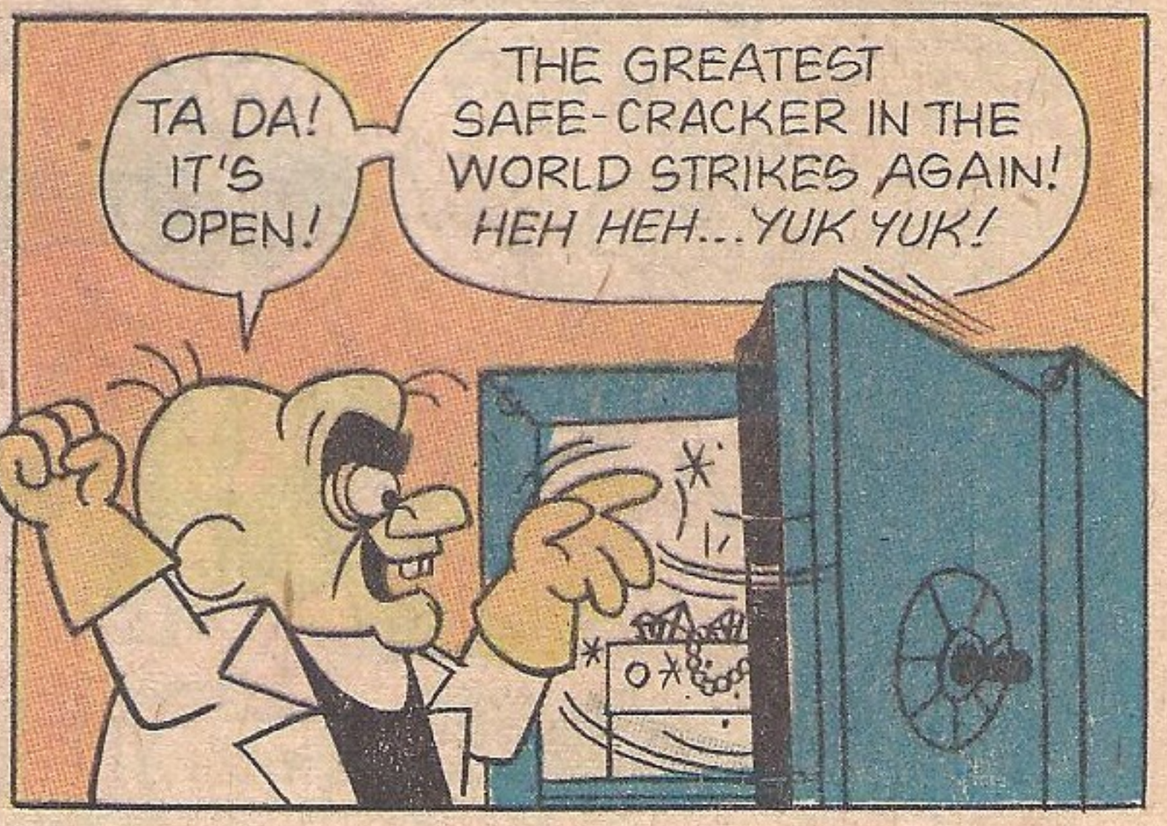
NIGHT DUMPS ITS DARKNESS UPON THE CITY...

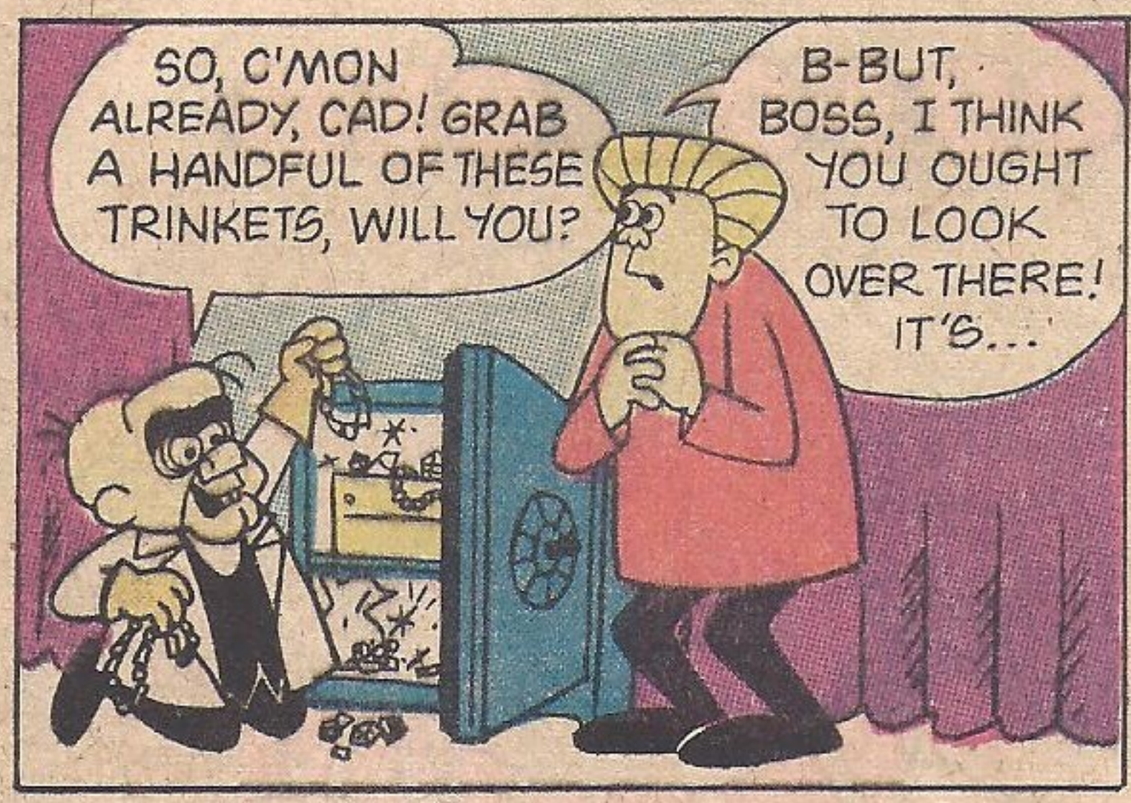
AND THROUGH THIS NIGHT, TWO EVIL MEN CREEP UPON AN UNSUSPECTING HOUSE...
SIMON, ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE RIGHT PLACE?
OF COURSE, YOU DOLT! NOW, KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN, WILL YOU?

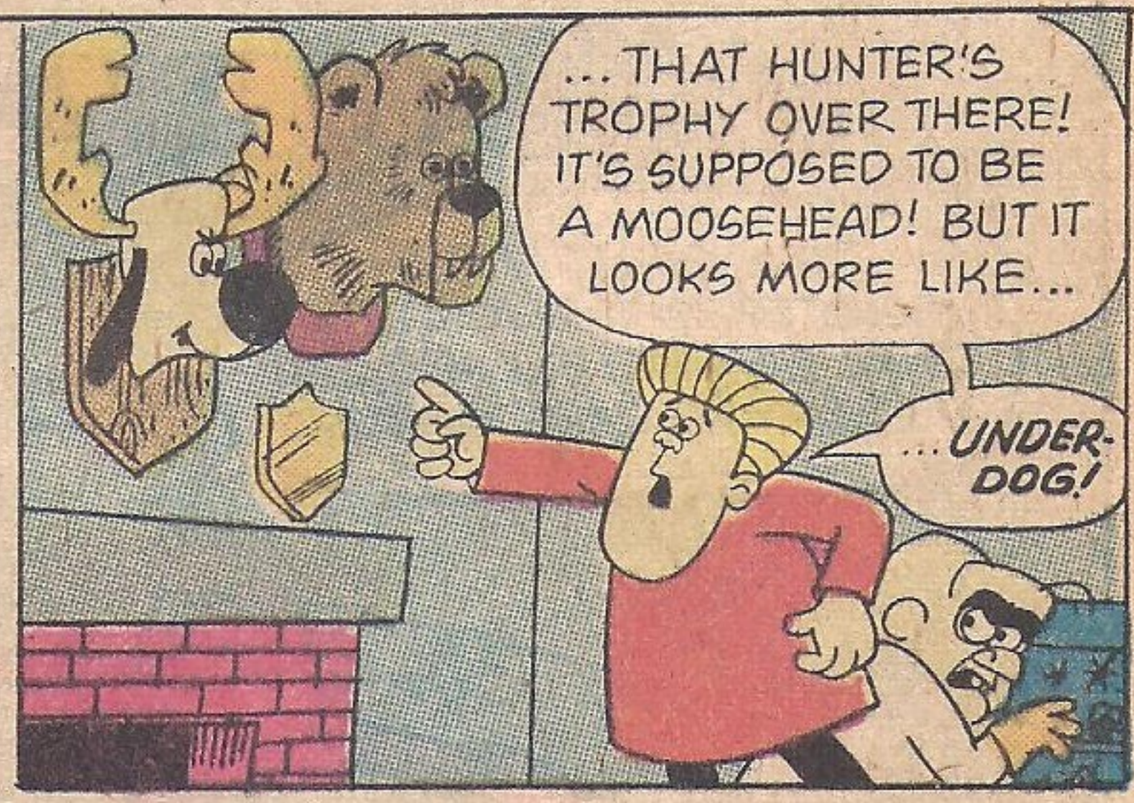
SO FAR, SO GOOD!
SURE WAS NICE OF THAT STUPID SAVIN TO LEAVE HIS WINDOWS UNLOCKED!

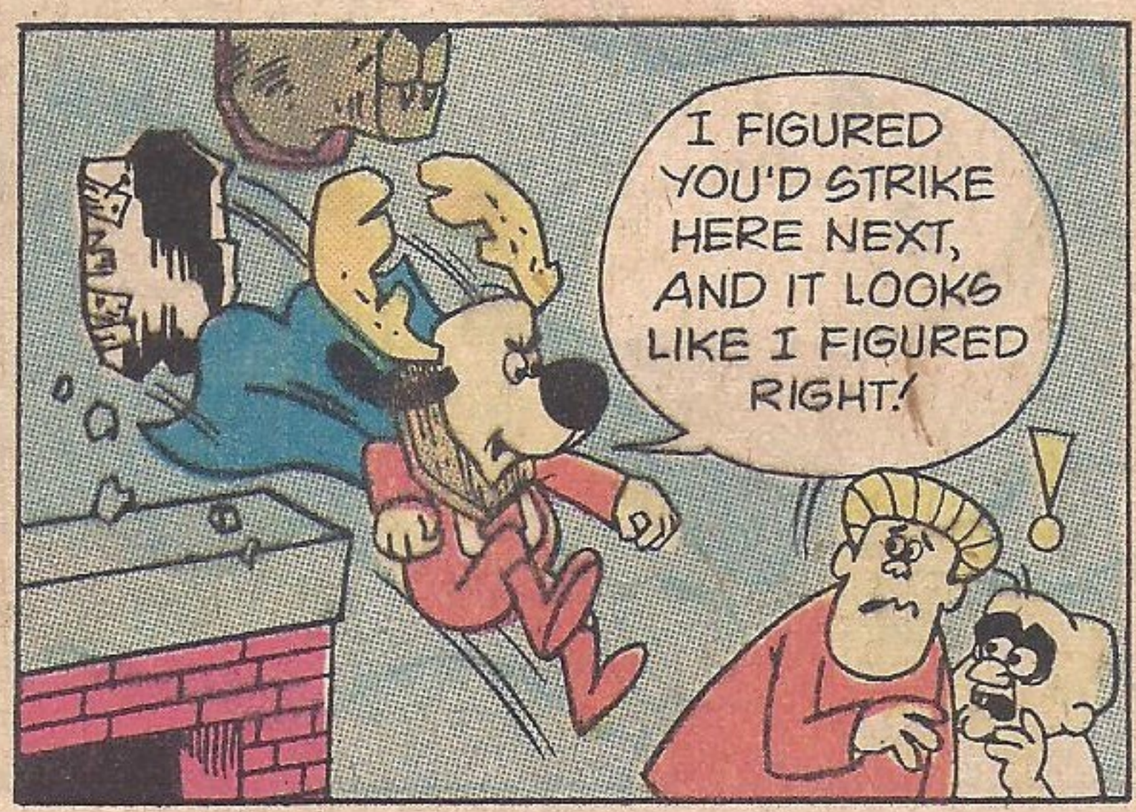
AND THERE'S THE SAFE WITH ALL THOSE WONDERFUL JEWELS IN IT!


B-BOSS, L-LOOK OVER THERE! THAT LOOKS LIKE--
SHUT UP, YOU DUMMY! I'M TRYING TO CONCENTRATE!


TA DA! IT'S OPEN!
THE GREATEST SAFE-CRACKER IN THE WORLD STRIKES AGAIN! HEH HEH...YUK YUK!


SO, C'MON ALREADY, CAD! GRAB A HANDFUL OF THESE TRINKETS, WILL YOU?
B-BUT, BOSS, I THINK YOU OUGHT TO LOOK OVER THERE! IT'S...


...THAT HUNTER'S TROPHY OVER THERE! IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A MOOSEHEAD! BUT IT LOOKS MORE LIKE...
...UNDER-DOG!


I FIGURED YOU'D STRIKE HERE NEXT, AND IT LOOKS LIKE I FIGURED RIGHT!
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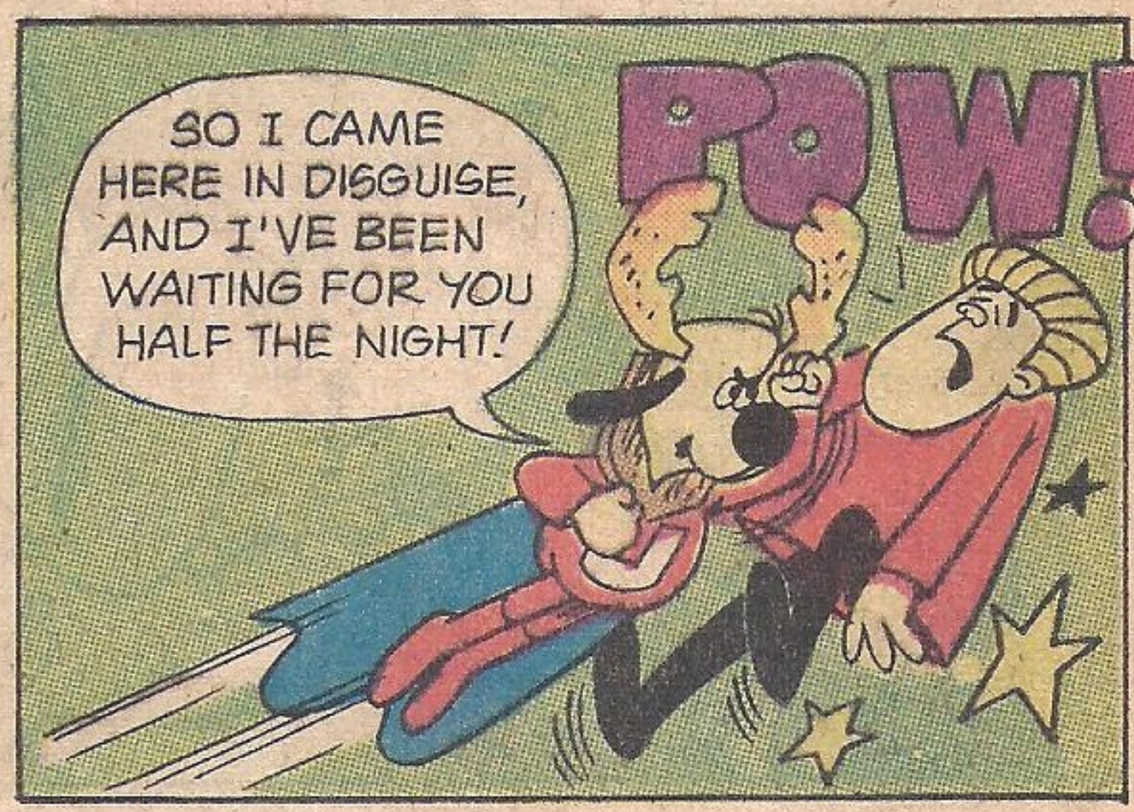
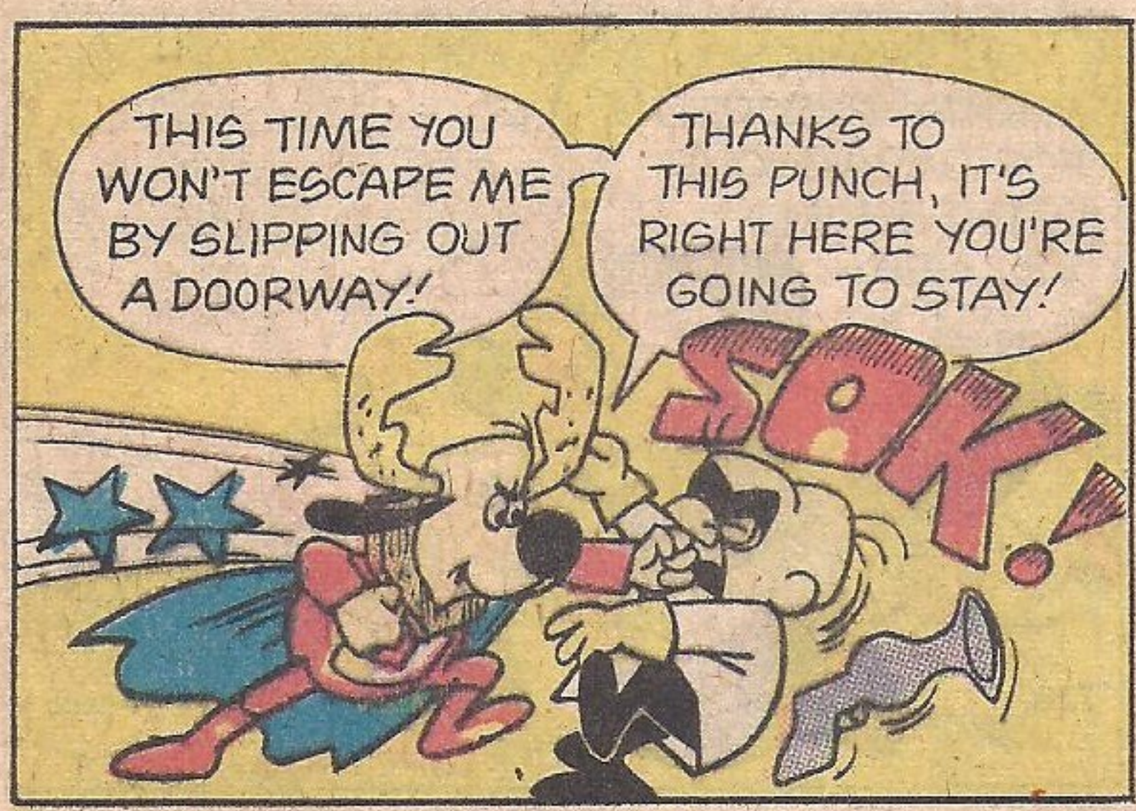
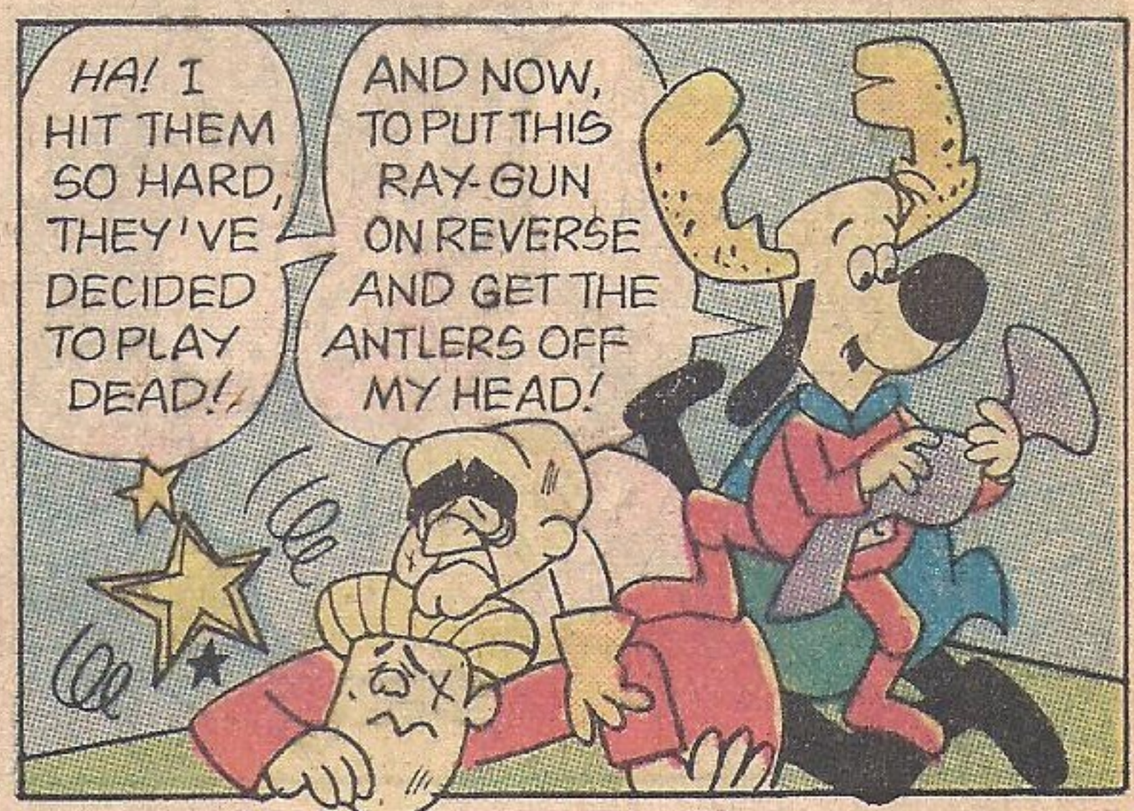

SO I CAME HERE IN DISGUISE, AND I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU HALF THE NIGHT!
POW!


THIS TIME YOU WON'T ESCAPE ME BY SLIPPING OUT A DOORWAY!
THANKS TO THIS PUNCH, IT'S RIGHT HERE YOU'RE GOING TO STAY!
SOK!


HA! I HIT THEM SO HARD, THEY'VE DECIDED TO PLAY DEAD!
AND NOW, TO PUT THIS RAY-GUN ON REVERSE AND GET THE ANTLERS OFF MY HEAD!

PRESENTLY...
YOU DID IT AGAIN, MY UNDER-DOG!
YEP! SIMON AND CAD ARE GOING TO JAIL! IT'LL BE QUITE AWHILE BEFORE THEY GET OUT!
AND IT'S GREAT TO BE UNDERDOG AGAIN! FOR AWHILE THERE I LOOKED LIKE UNDER-MOOSE!
The END

UNDERDOG NEW JOB FOR OLD

THIS GIANT SNOW-MONSTER IS THREATENING THAT ESKIMO VILLAGE, BUT I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT!

IT ONLY TAKES ONE SUPERPOWERED PUNCH FROM GOOD OLD ME TO KNOCK THIS MONSTER FLAT!

POW!

OH, THANK YOU, MIGHTY UNDERDOG, FOR SAVING OUR LITTLE ESKIMO VILLAGE!

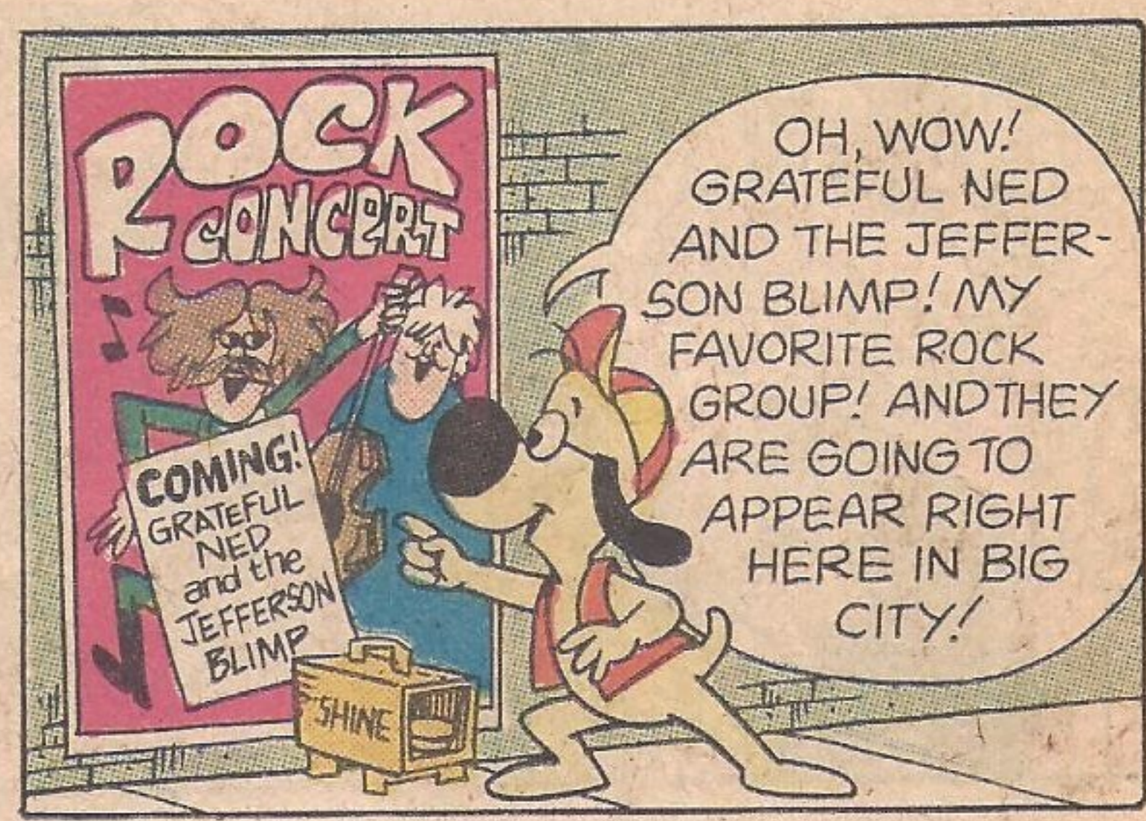
AW, IT WAS NOTHING, ESPECIALLY FOR A SUPER FELLOW LIKE ME!

AND NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, FOLKS, I REALLY MUST FLY!

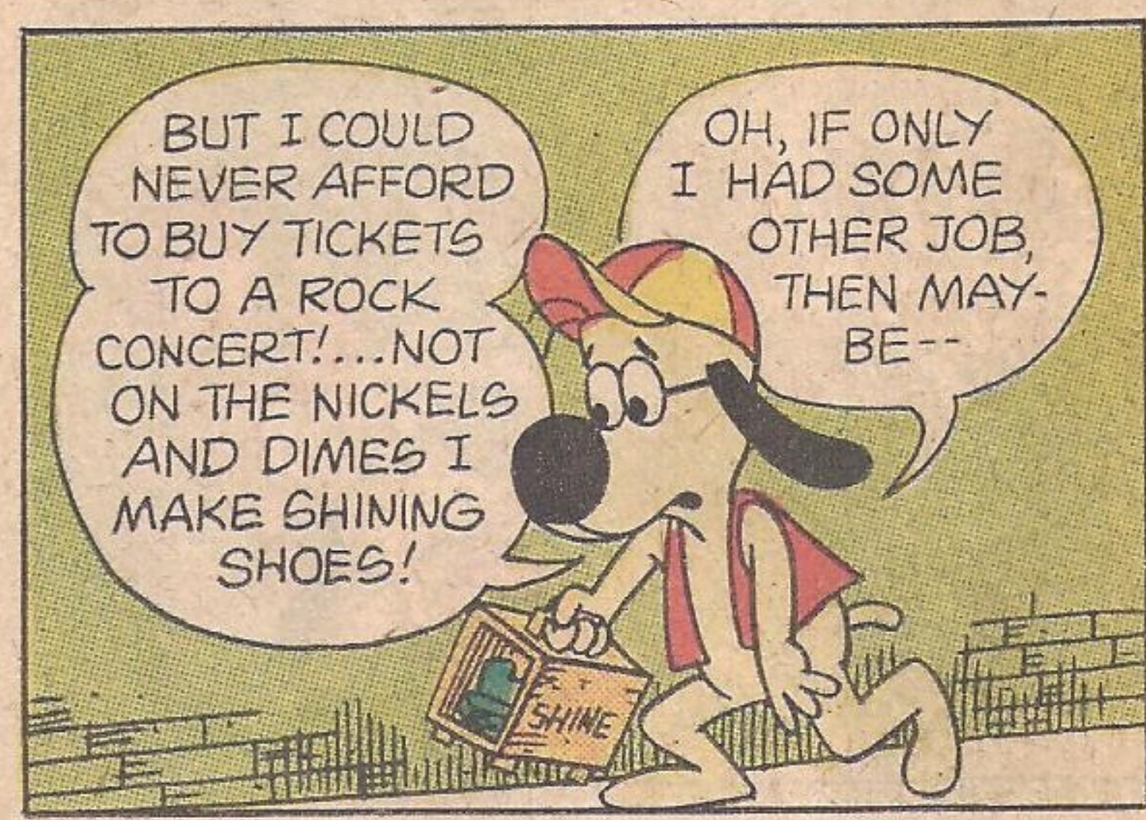
AND SO...

AH, IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK IN BIG CITY, RIGHT WHERE THIS SUPER-HERO BELONGS!

AND NOW, IT'S TIME TO SHINE SOME SHOES, INSTEAD OF FIGHTING WRONGS!
SHINE


ROCK CONCERT
COMING! GRATEFUL NED and the JEFFERSON BLIMP
OH, WOW! GRATEFUL NED AND THE JEFFERSON BLIMP! MY FAVORITE ROCK GROUP! AND THEY ARE GOING TO APPEAR RIGHT HERE IN BIG CITY!
SHINE

GEE, I SURE WISH I COULD GO TO THEIR CONCERT!
AND I'D LIKE TO TAKE SWEET POLLY TO SEE THEM, TOO!


BUT I COULD NEVER AFFORD TO BUY TICKETS TO A ROCK CONCERT!...NOT ON THE NICKELS AND DIMES I MAKE SHINING SHOES!
OH, IF ONLY I HAD SOME OTHER JOB, THEN MAYBE--
SHINE

GROCERIES
HELP WANTED
WHA--? A GROCERY STORE LOOKING FOR EMPLOYEES? THIS MAY BE THE SOLUTION!

YES! I'LL DO IT!
I'LL GO IN AND APPLY FOR THE JOB!
SHINE

AND SURE ENOUGH...
WOW! I'VE LANDED THE JOB! I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT!
I'M NO LONGER A LOWLY SHOESHINE BOY! NOW I'M A LOWLY GROCERY BOY INSTEAD!

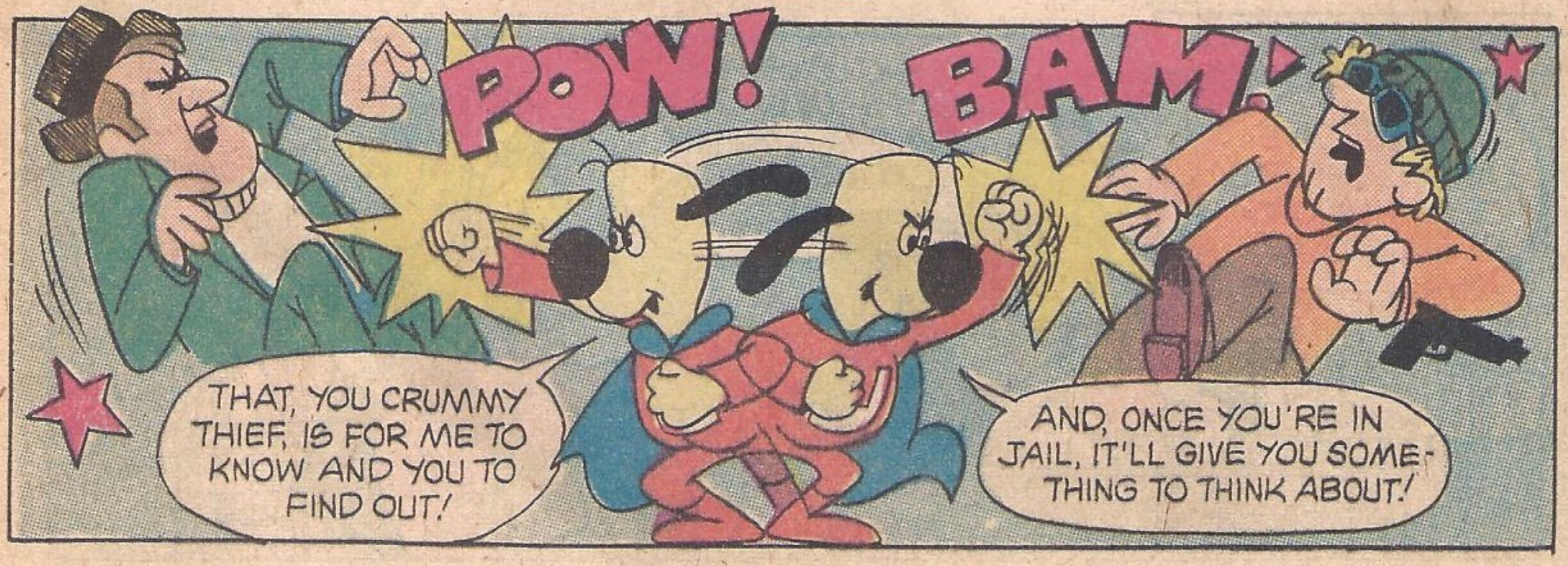
ALL RIGHT, LITTLE LADY, STICK 'EM UP!
AND HAND OVER ALL THE MONEY IN YOUR CASH DRAWER!
HUNH?
WHAT--?
A ROBBERY-- RIGHT HERE IN THIS VERY GROCERY STORE! WHO'D HAVE EVER THOUGHT IT?

I'D BETTER SLIP OFF SOME-WHERE AND CHANGE MY COSTUME SO I CAN FOIL THIS ROTTEN ROBBERY!

AH, A STORE ROOM! THAT'LL BE THE PER-FECT PLACE!
AFTER ALL, WHEN A PHONE BOOTH ISN'T HANDY, A STORE ROOM WORKS JUST AS WELL!
STORE ROOM

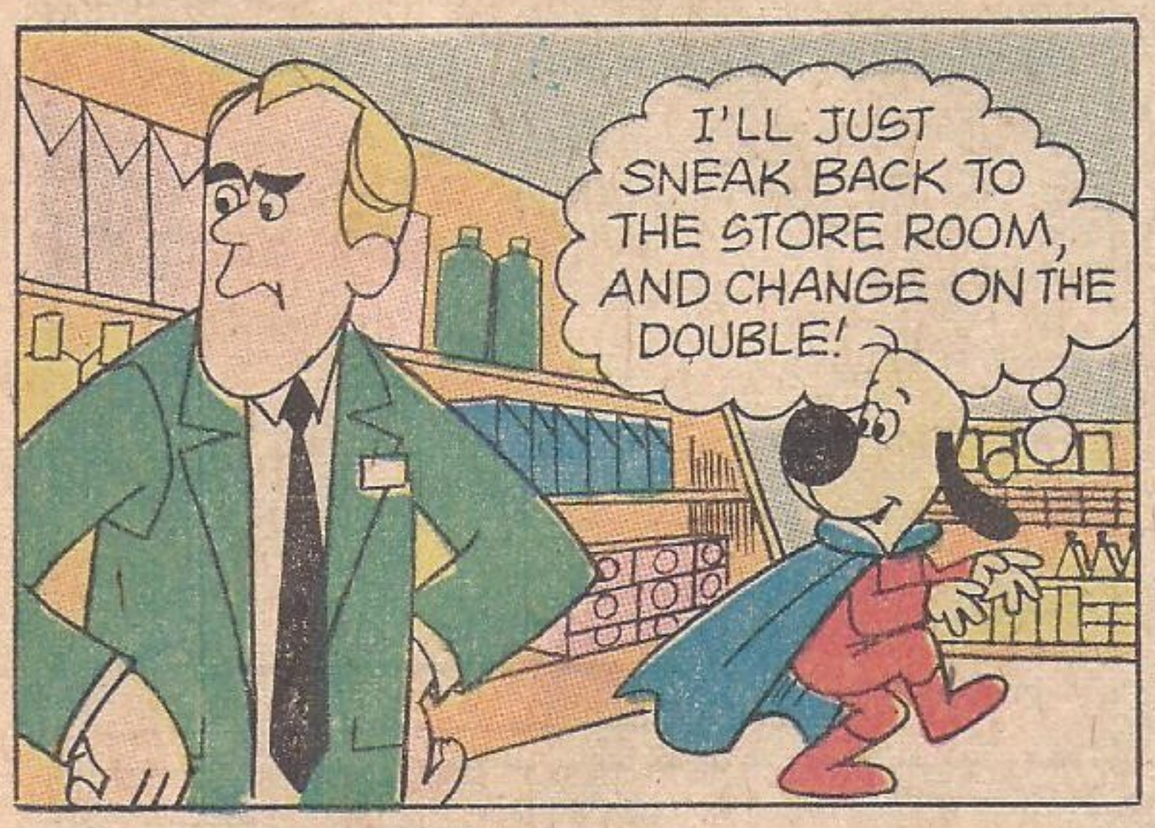
THEN...
DON'T WORRY, GOOD PEOPLE! I'M ON MY WAY!
STORE

WHA--? UNDER-DOG!
THAT'S RIGHT! AND I'LL HAVE TO SAVE THE DAY!
HOW'D HE GET HERE SO FAST?


POW!
BAM!
THAT, YOU CRUMMY THIEF, IS FOR ME TO KNOW AND YOU TO FIND OUT!
AND, ONCE YOU'RE IN JAIL, IT'LL GIVE YOU SOME-THING TO THINK ABOUT!

THANK YOU, MR. SUPERHERO! THANK YOU FOR SAVING ALL MY STORE'S MONEY!
I APPRECIATE IT, SIR, BUT I REALLY NEED NO THANKS! YOU SEE, I GET MY KICKS MESSING UP THE CRIMINAL RANKS!

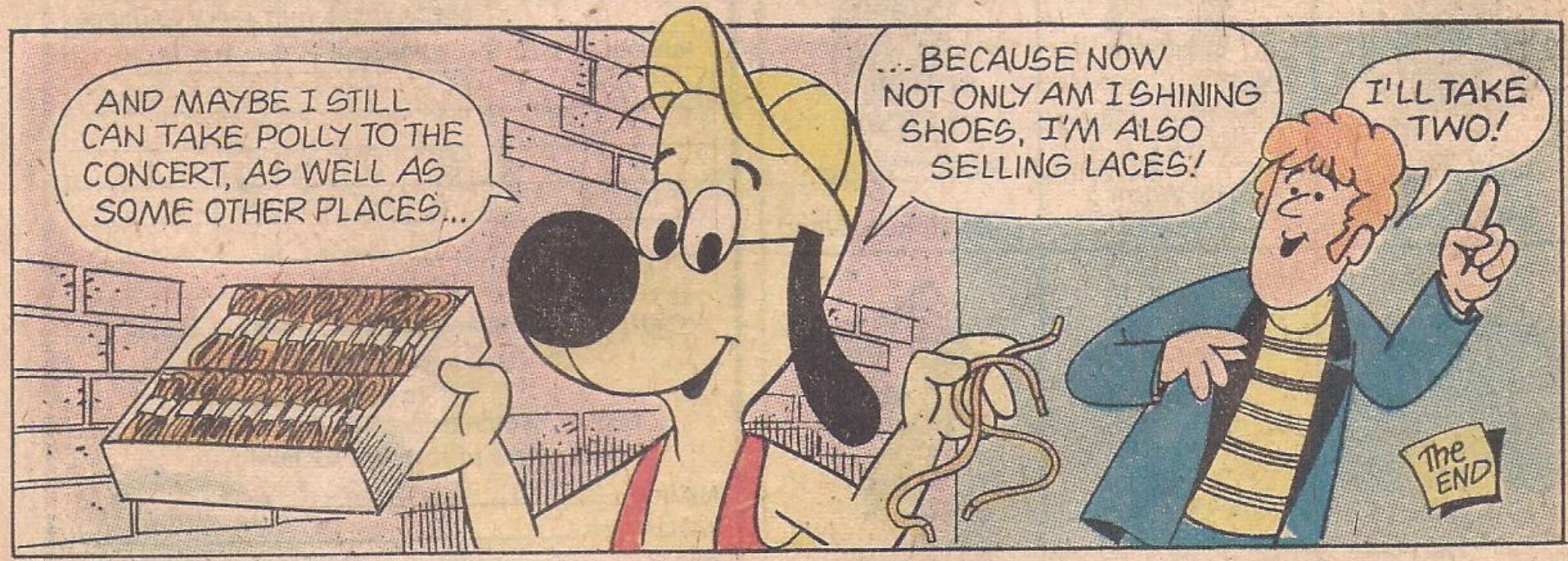
HEY! WHERE'S THAT NEW LOWLY GROCERY BOY? WHY ISN'T HE AT HIS COUNTER?
UH-OH! I'D BETTER DO SOMETHING FAST, OR SHOE-SHINE'S IN TROUBLE!


I'LL JUST SNEAK BACK TO THE STORE ROOM, AND CHANGE ON THE DOUBLE!

HERE I AM, BOSS!
SO I SEE! BUT WHERE WERE YOU FOR THE LAST TEN MINUTES?

NO! DON'T BOTHER TO MAKE EXCUSES! I HATE EXCUSES! AND I ALSO HATE LOWLY GROCERY BOYS!...
BUT... BUT--
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE FIRED!!

AND SO...
WELL, HERE I AM, BECAUSE I GOT THE SACK! AND, TO TELL THE TRUTH, IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK!
SHINE


AND MAYBE I STILL CAN TAKE POLLY TO THE CONCERT, AS WELL AS SOME OTHER PLACES...
...BECAUSE NOW NOT ONLY AM I SHINING SHOES, I'M ALSO SELLING LACES!
I'LL TAKE TWO!
The END

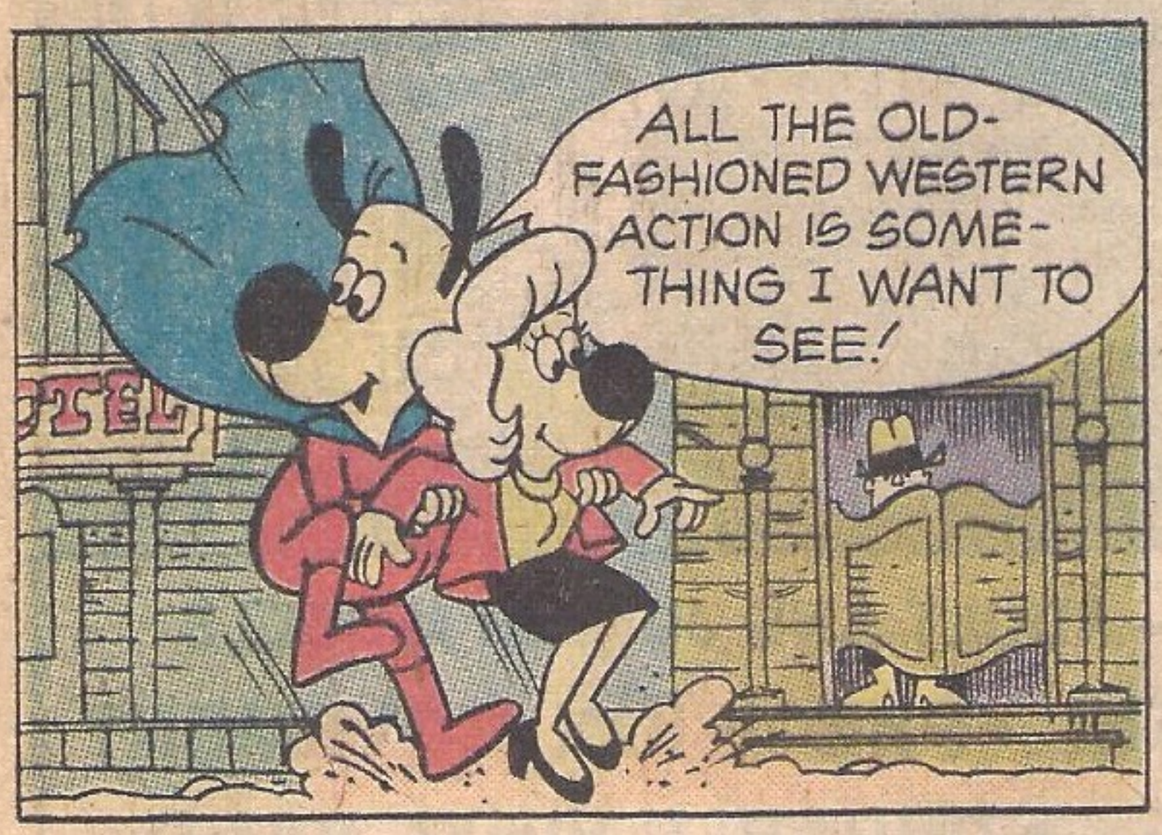
UNDERDOG FRAIDY DOG

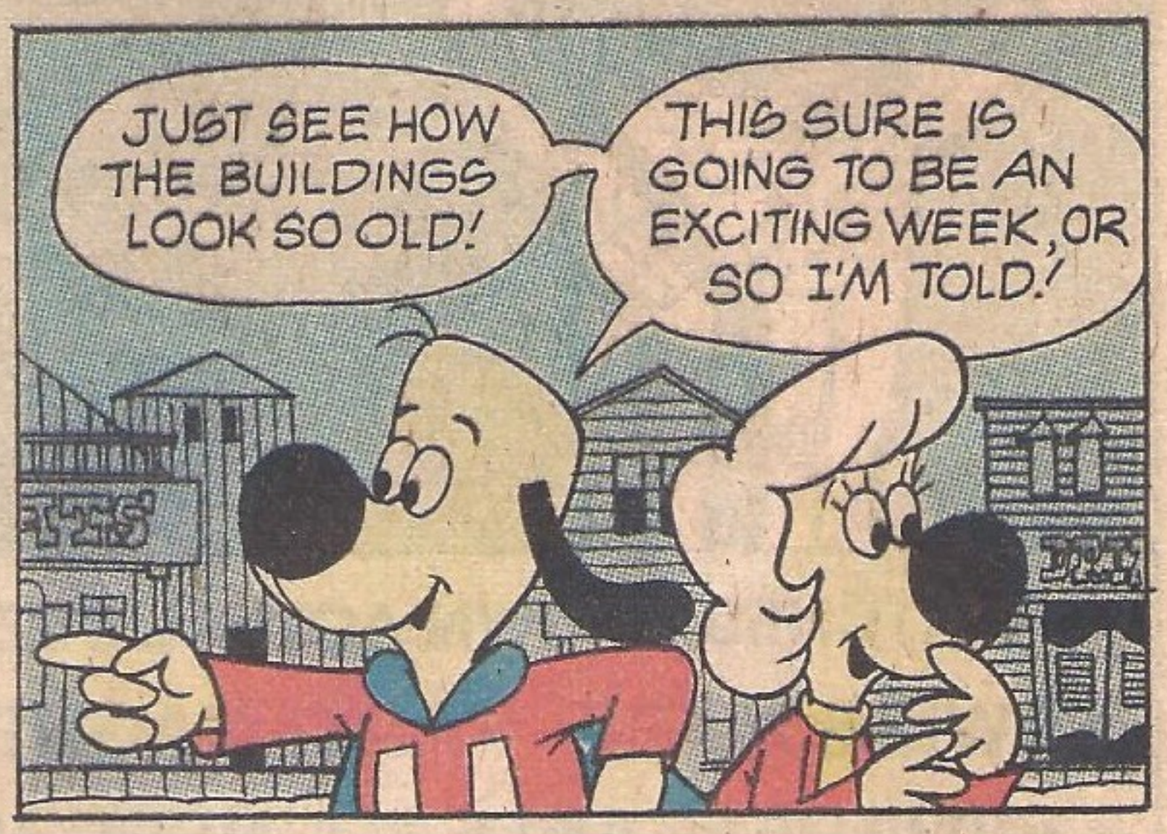
UNDERDOG AND SWEET POLLY ARRIVE FOR A CERTAIN CELEBRATION...

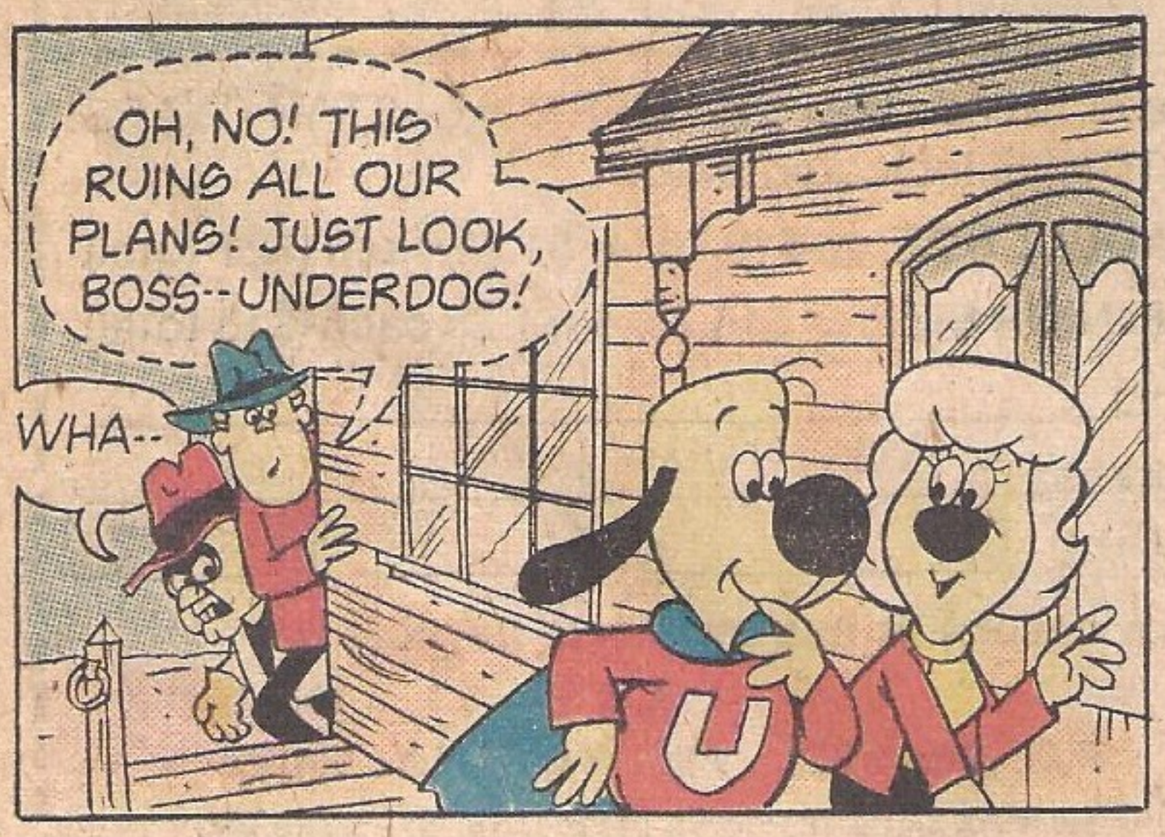
GEE, UNDERDOG, IT SURE WAS NICE OF YOU TO FLY ME OUT HERE FOR WILD WEST WEEK!

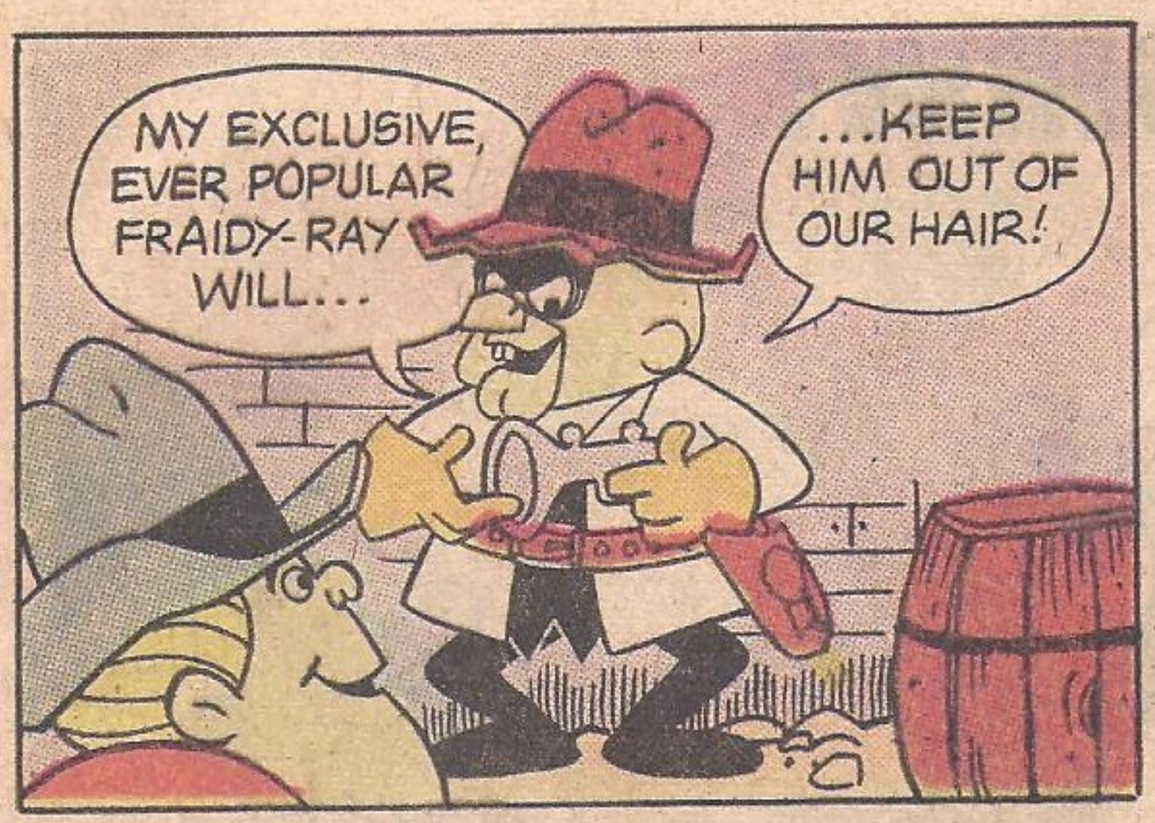
WELL, PRETTY POLLY, I'M DOING THIS FOR ME AS WELL AS FOR YOU!

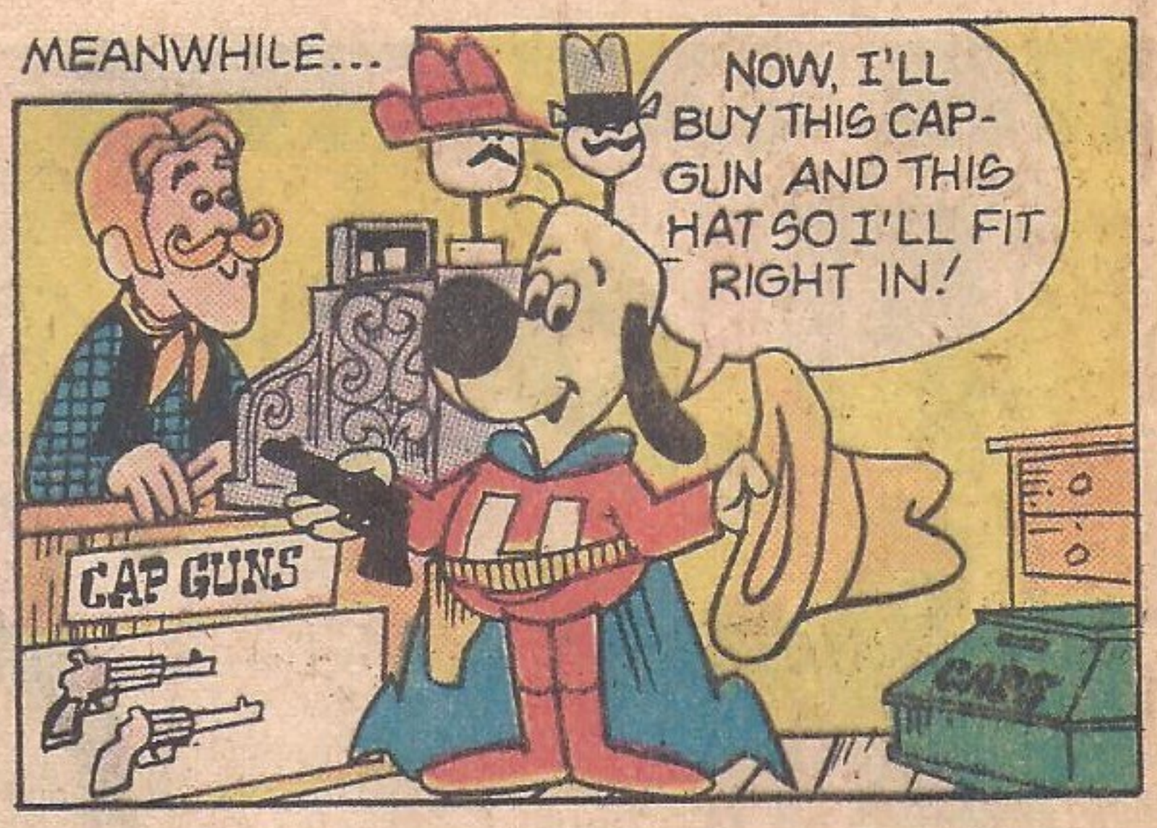
OLD WEST WEEK

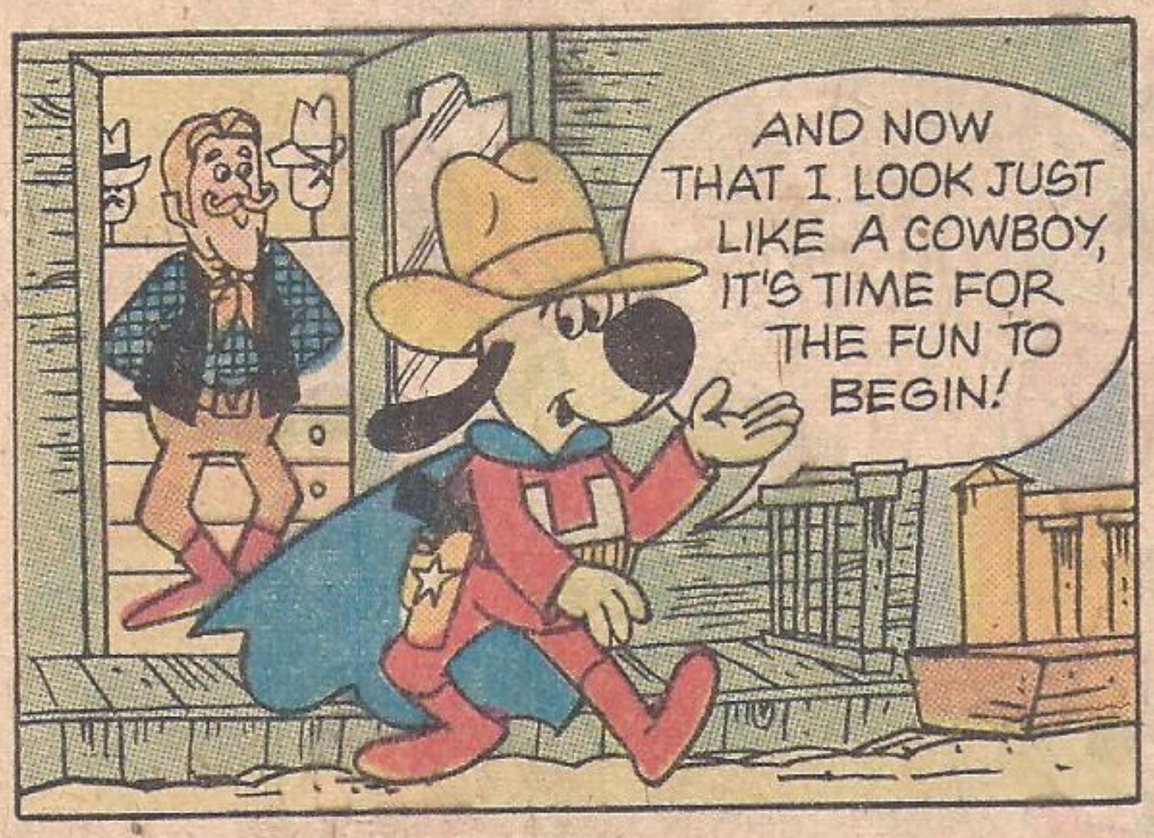




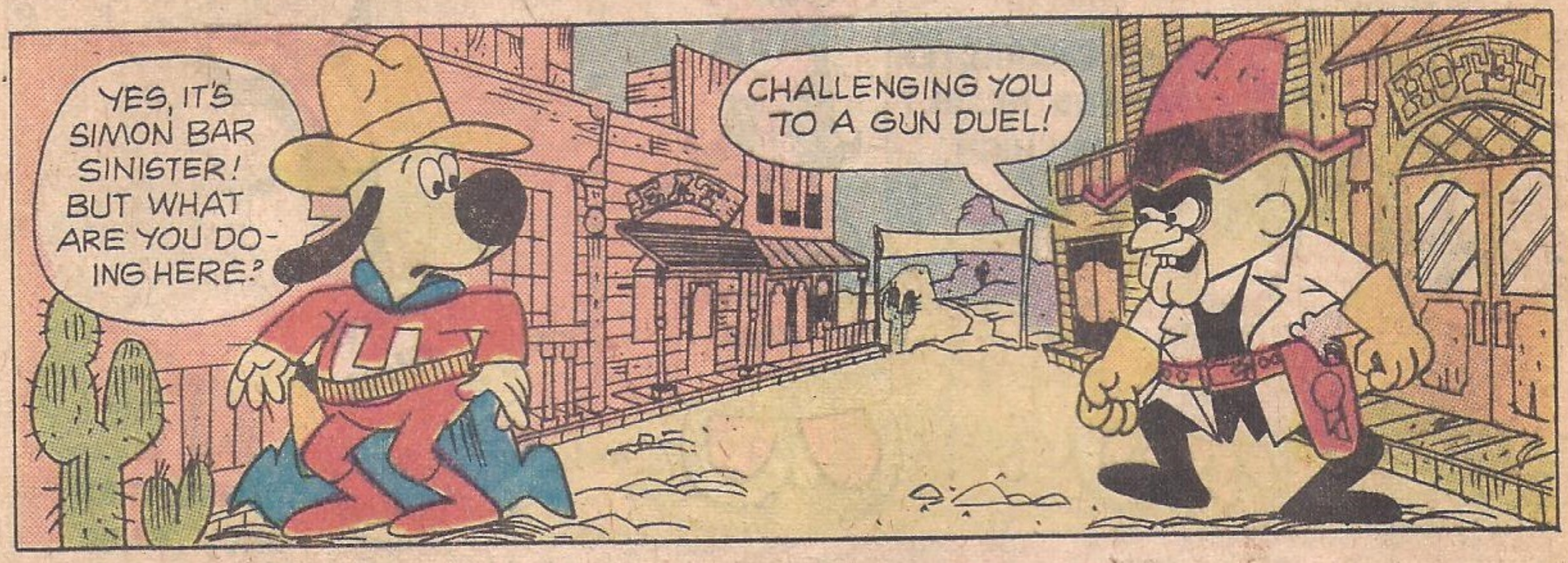


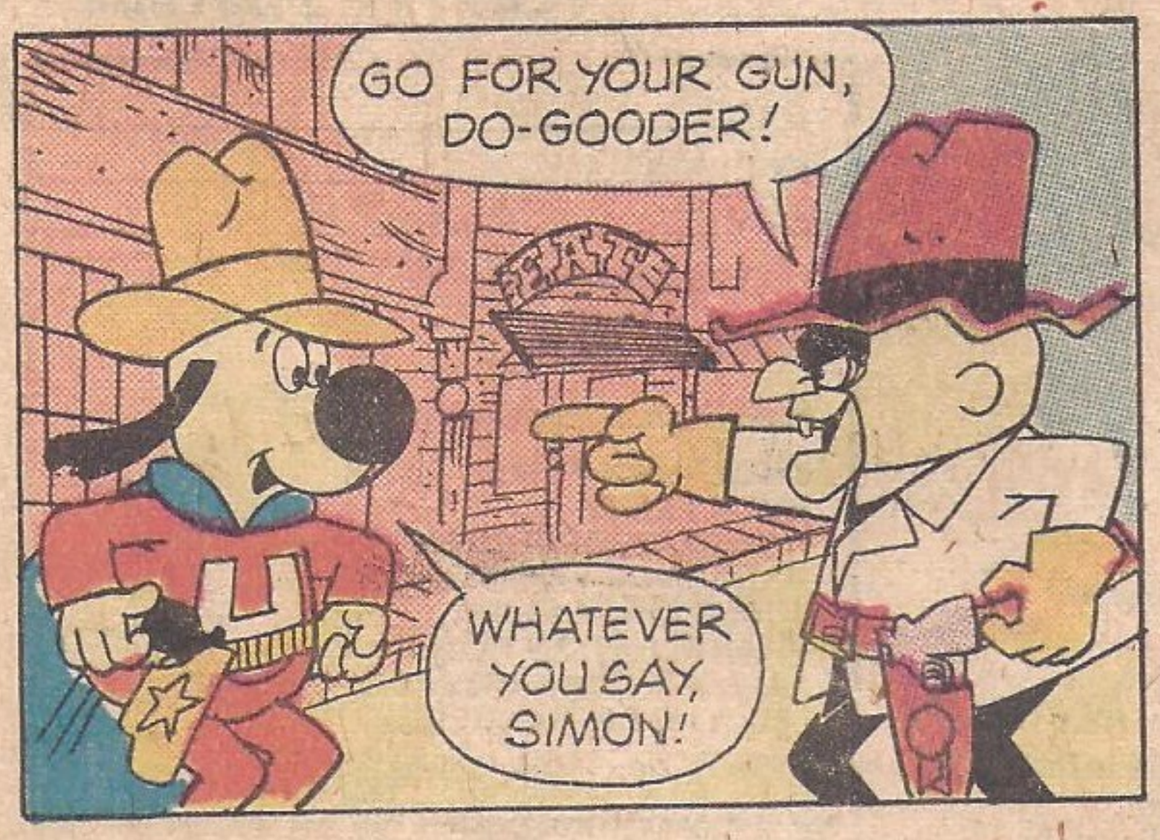

MY EXCLUSIVE, EVER POPULAR FRAIDY-RAY WILL...
...KEEP HIM OUT OF OUR HAIR!

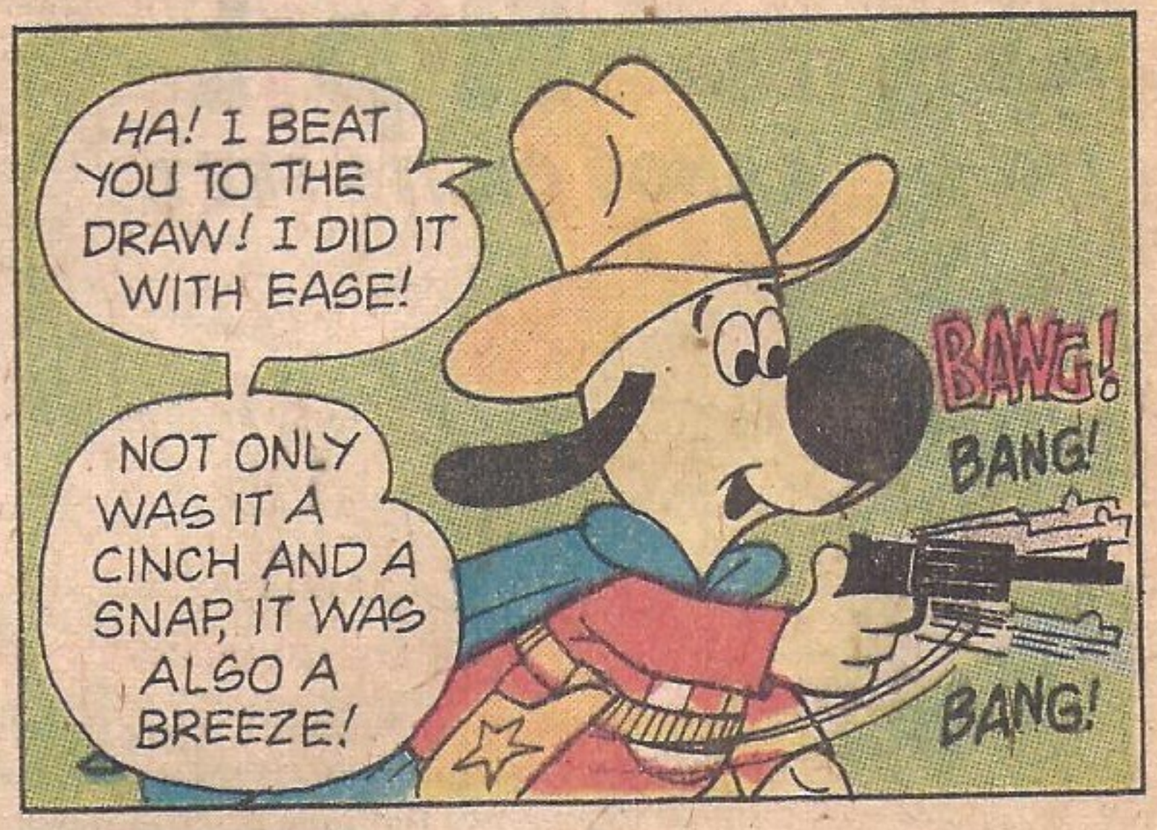

MEANWHILE...
NOW, I'LL BUY THIS CAP-GUN AND THIS HAT SO I'LL FIT RIGHT IN!
CAP GUNS


AND NOW THAT I LOOK JUST LIKE A COWBOY, IT'S TIME FOR THE FUN TO BEGIN!

ALL RIGHT, UNDERDOG! THIS TOWN ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR TWO OF US!
UH-OH! I'VE HEARD THAT VOICE SOMEWHERE BEFORE, I FEAR!

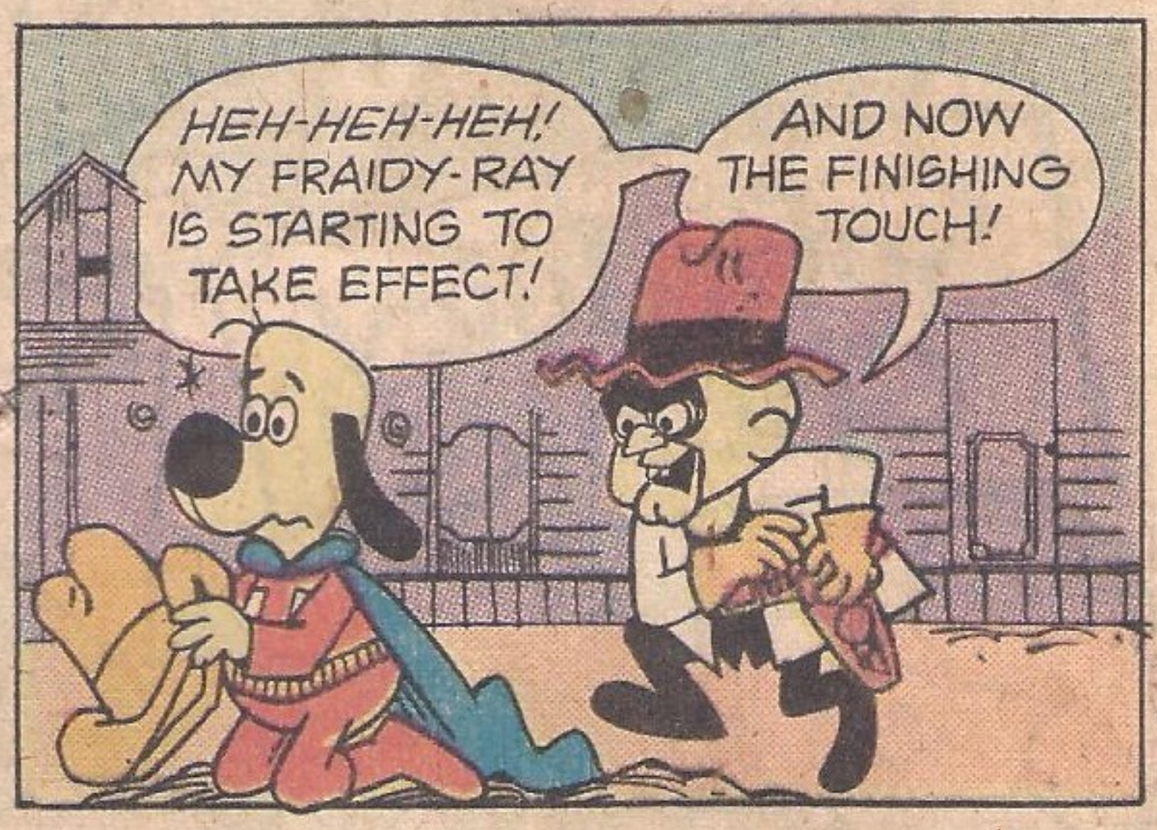

YES, IT'S SIMON BAR SINISTER! BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
CHALLENGING YOU TO A GUN DUEL!

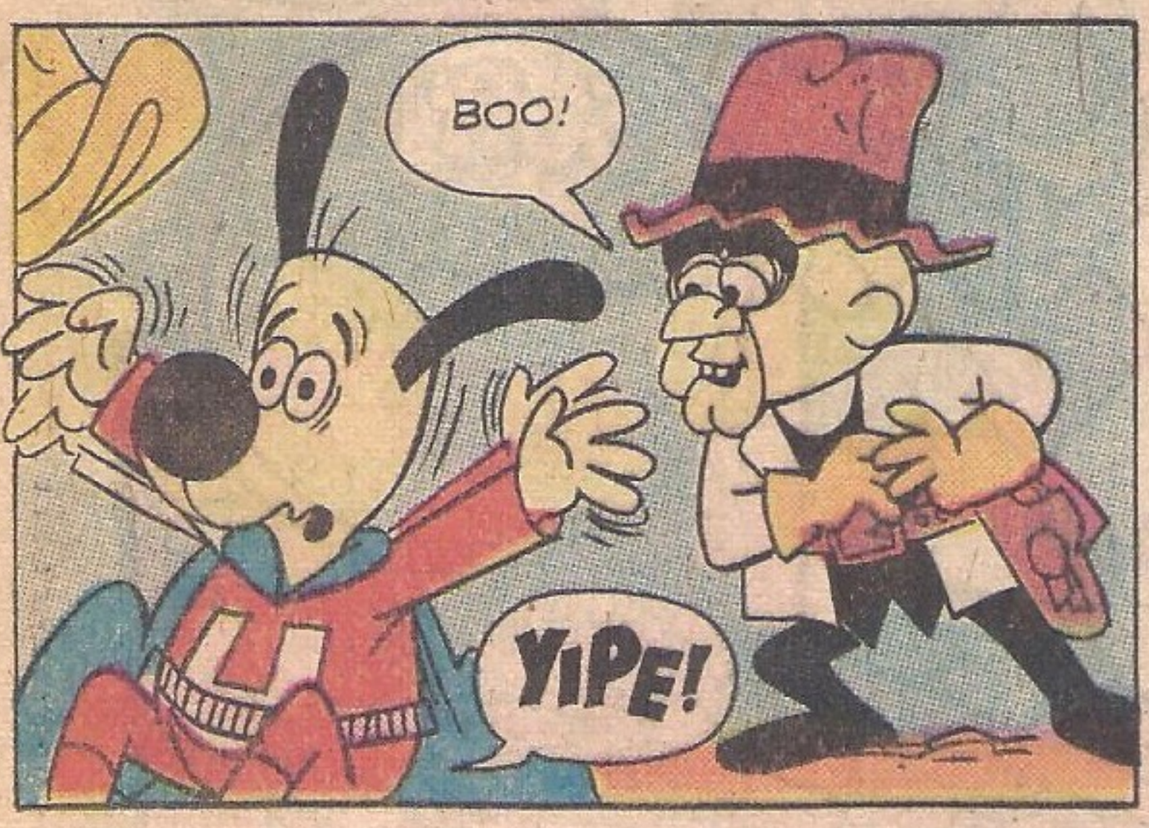

GO FOR YOUR GUN, DO-GOODER!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, SIMON!


HA! I BEAT YOU TO THE DRAW! I DID IT WITH EASE!
NOT ONLY WAS IT A CINCH AND A SNAP, IT WAS ALSO A BREEZE!
BANG!
BANG!
BANG!

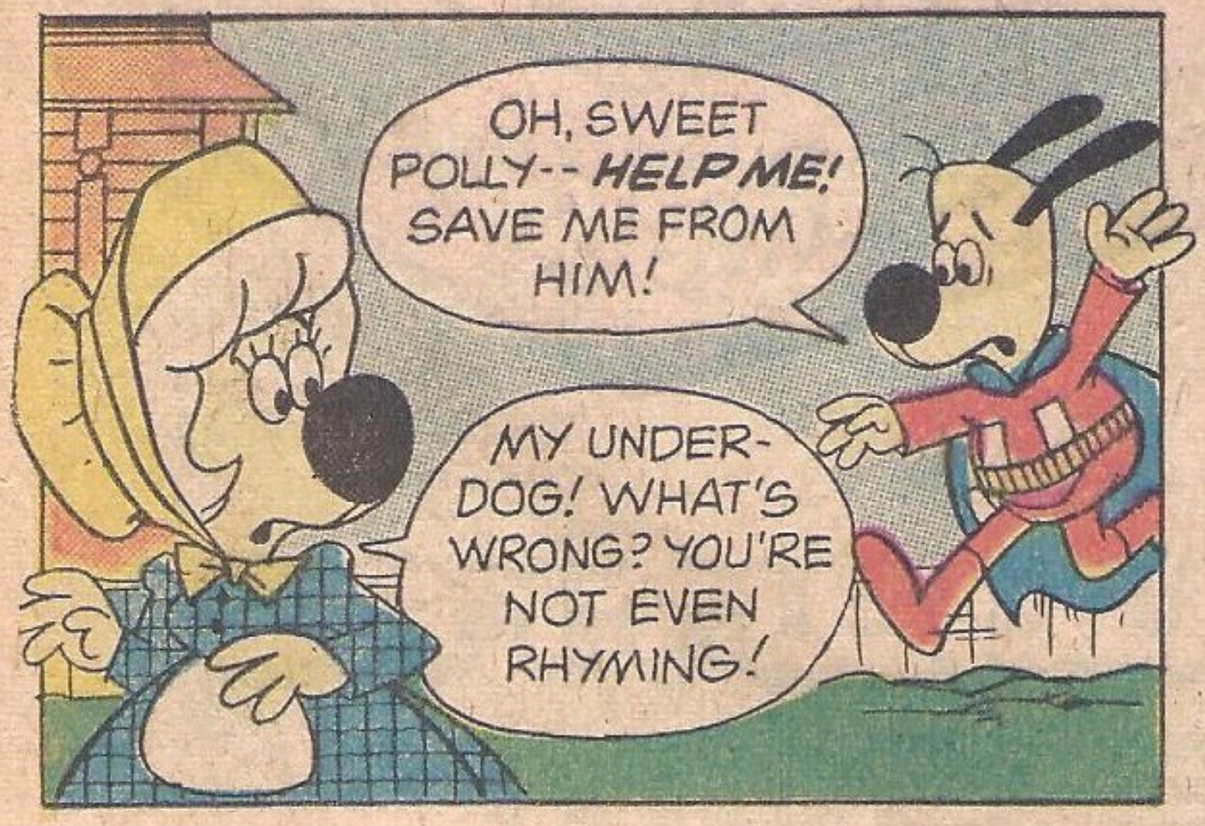
SO MAYBE YOU DID BEAT ME! BUT YOU'VE ONLY GOT A CAP-GUN...
...WHILE MINE IS A FANTASTIC RAY-GUN!
BZZZT!
UNNGH!

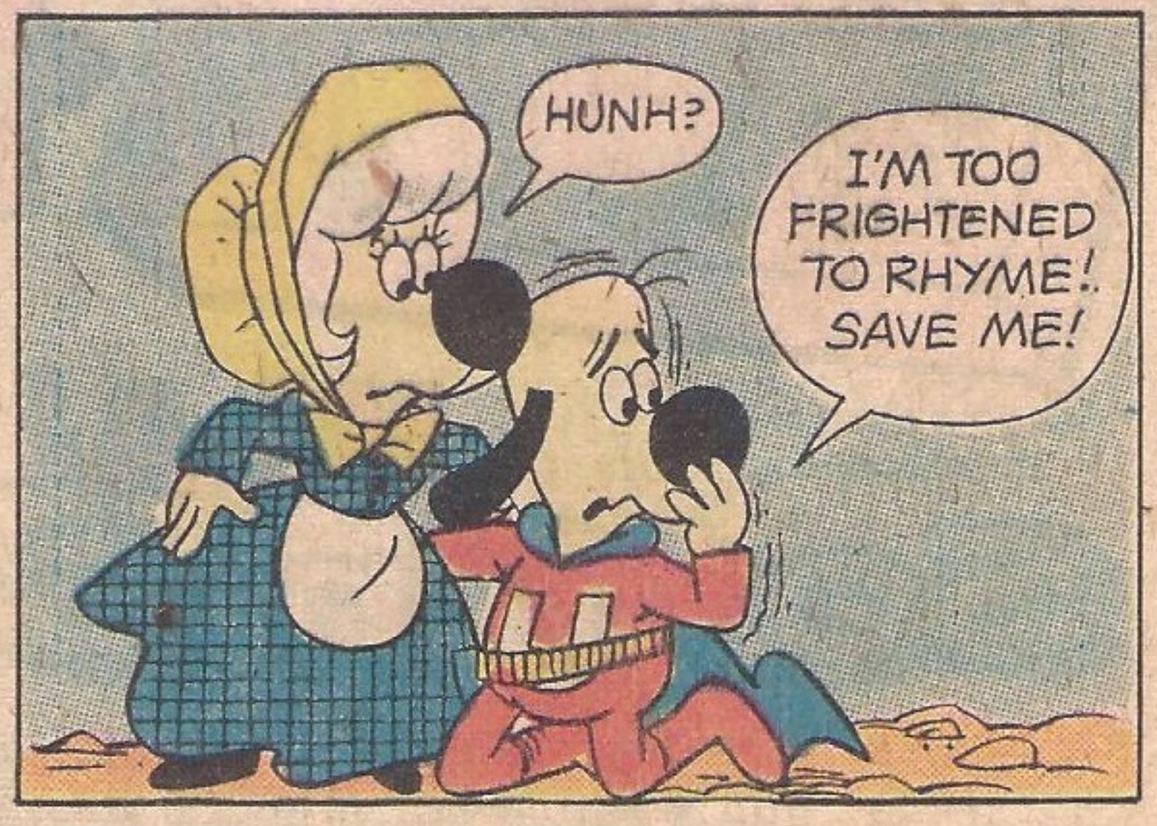
UN-OH! MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE DUCKED, OR STAYED OUT OF RANGE!
THAT RAY HAS DONE SOMETHING TO ME! I FEEL SORT OF STRANGE!

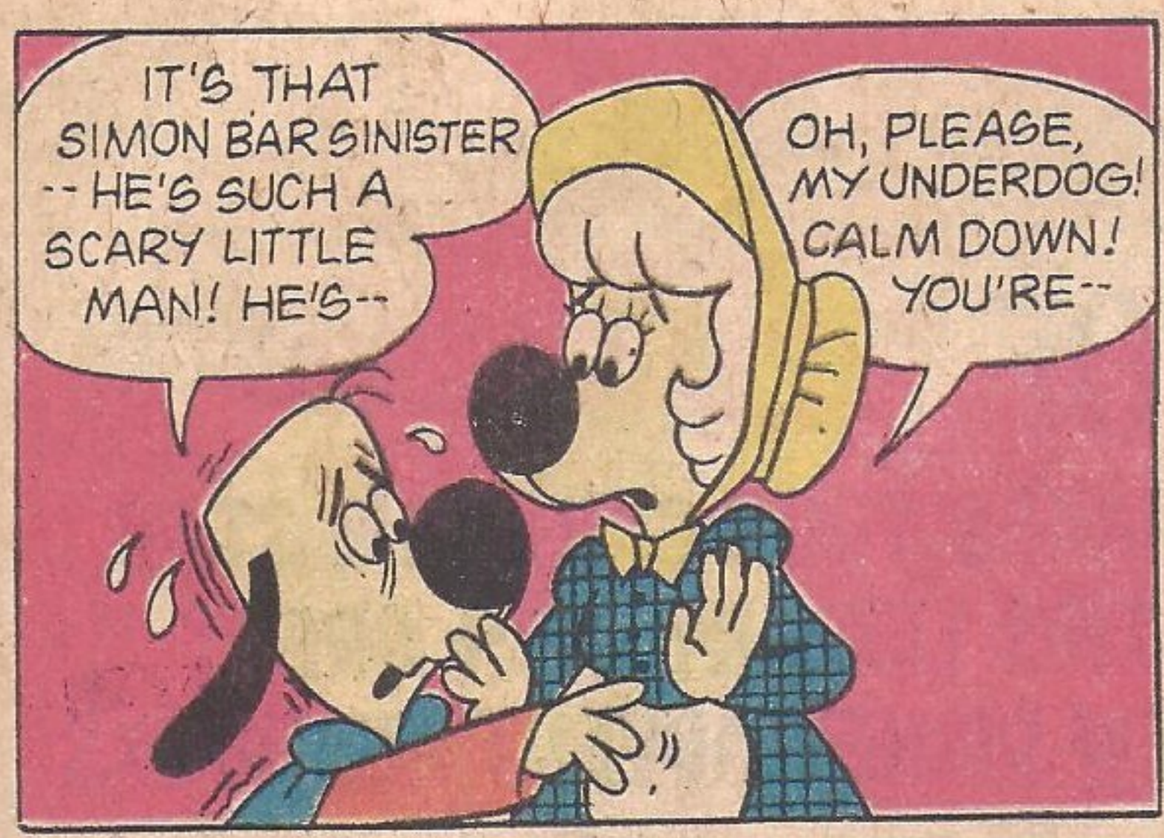

HEH-HEH-HEH! MY FRAIDY-RAY IS STARTING TO TAKE EFFECT!
AND NOW THE FINISHING TOUCH!

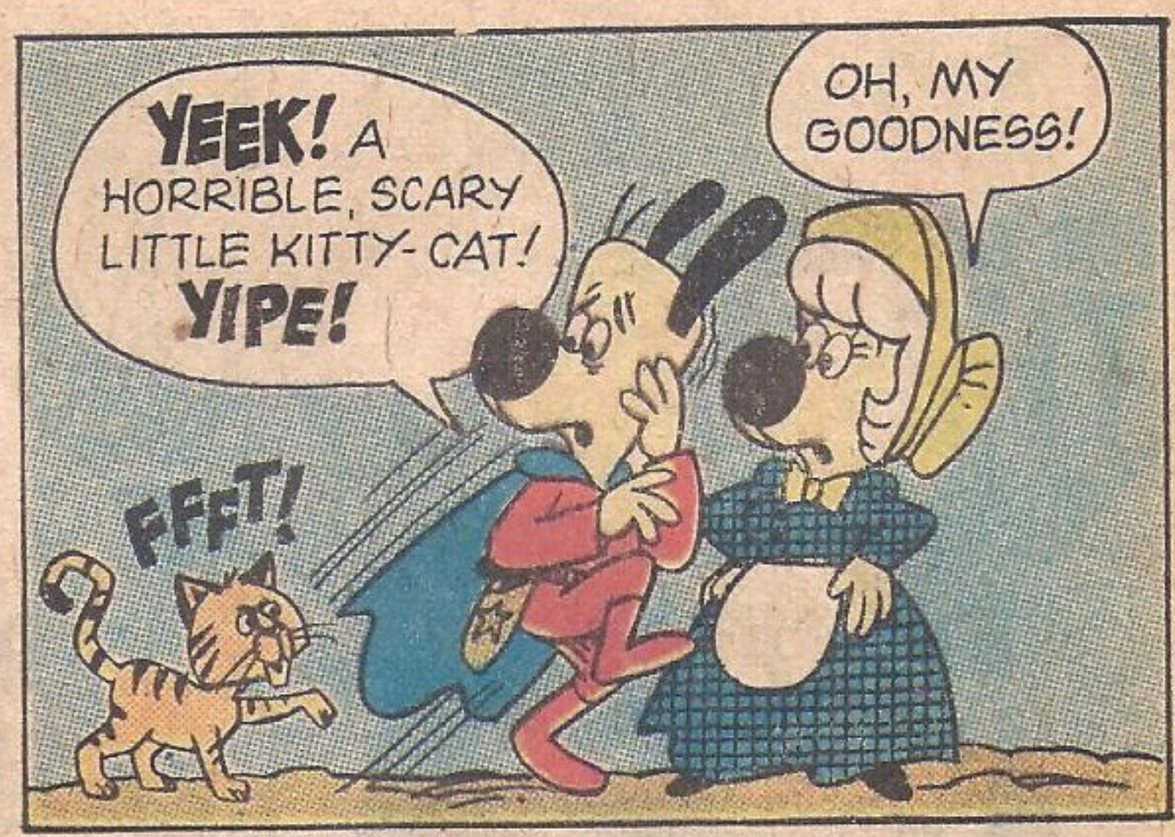

BOO!
YIPE!

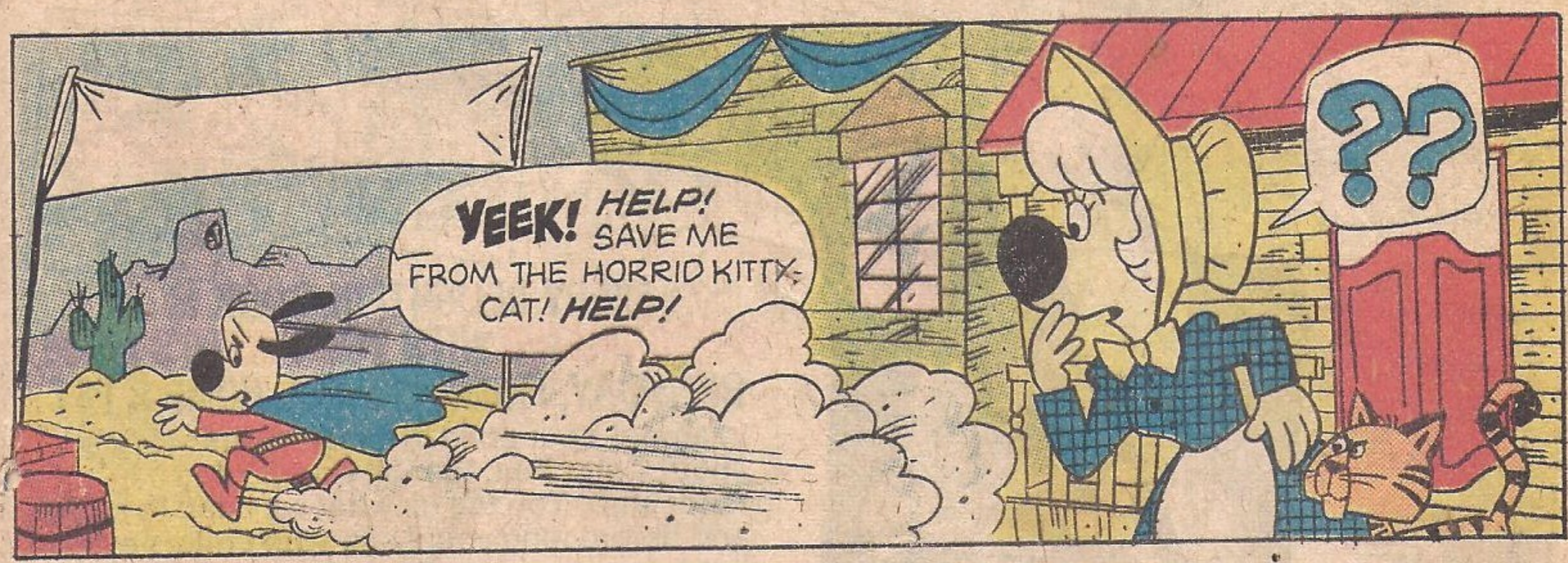
HELP! HELP! THAT SCARY SIMON IS AFTER ME! HELP! HELP!
HEH-HEH! ...IT WORKED PERFECTLY!


OH, SWEET POLLY-- HELP ME! SAVE ME FROM HIM!
MY UNDER-DOG! WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE NOT EVEN RHYMING!


HUNH?
I'M TOO FRIGHTENED TO RHYME! SAVE ME!


IT'S THAT SIMON BAR SINISTER -- HE'S SUCH A SCARY LITTLE MAN! HE'S--
OH, PLEASE, MY UNDERDOG! CALM DOWN! YOU'RE--


YEEK! A HORRIBLE, SCARY LITTLE KITTY-CAT! YIPE!
OH, MY GOODNESS!
FFFT!


YEEK! HELP! SAVE ME FROM THE HORRID KITTY-CAT! HELP!
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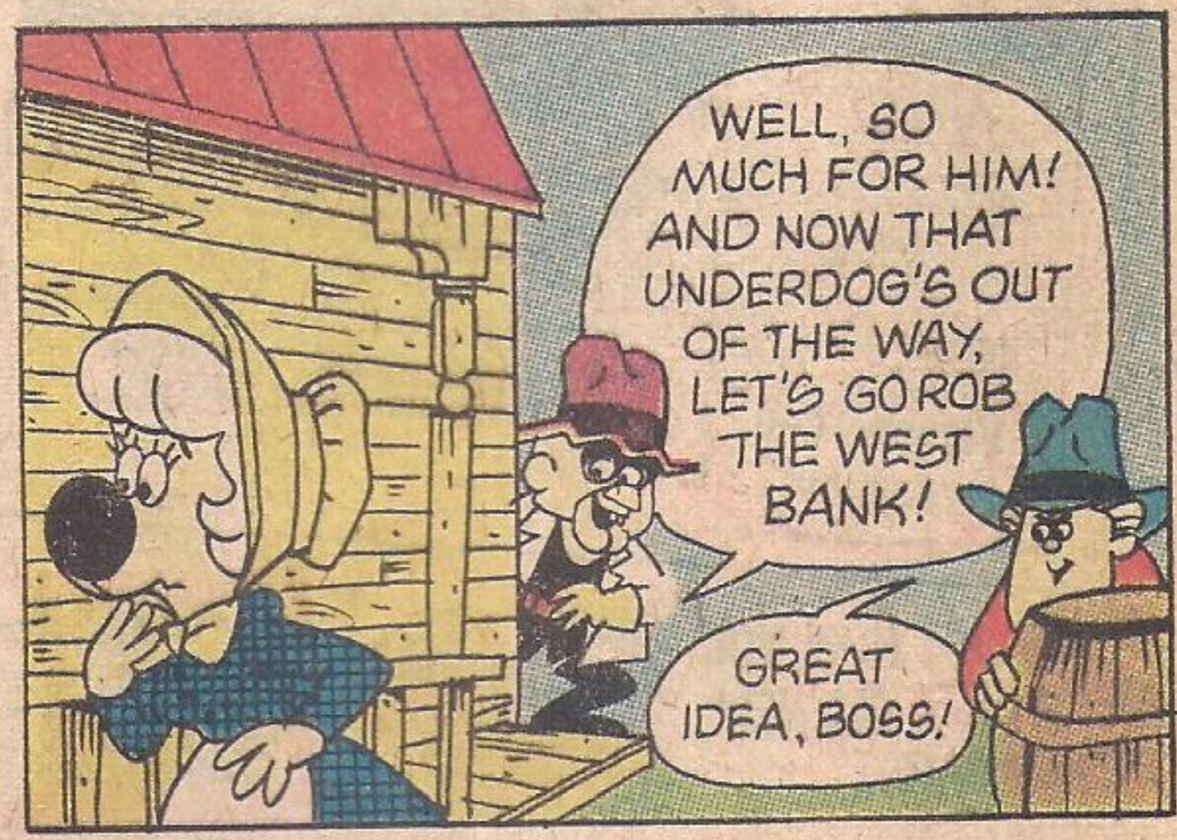
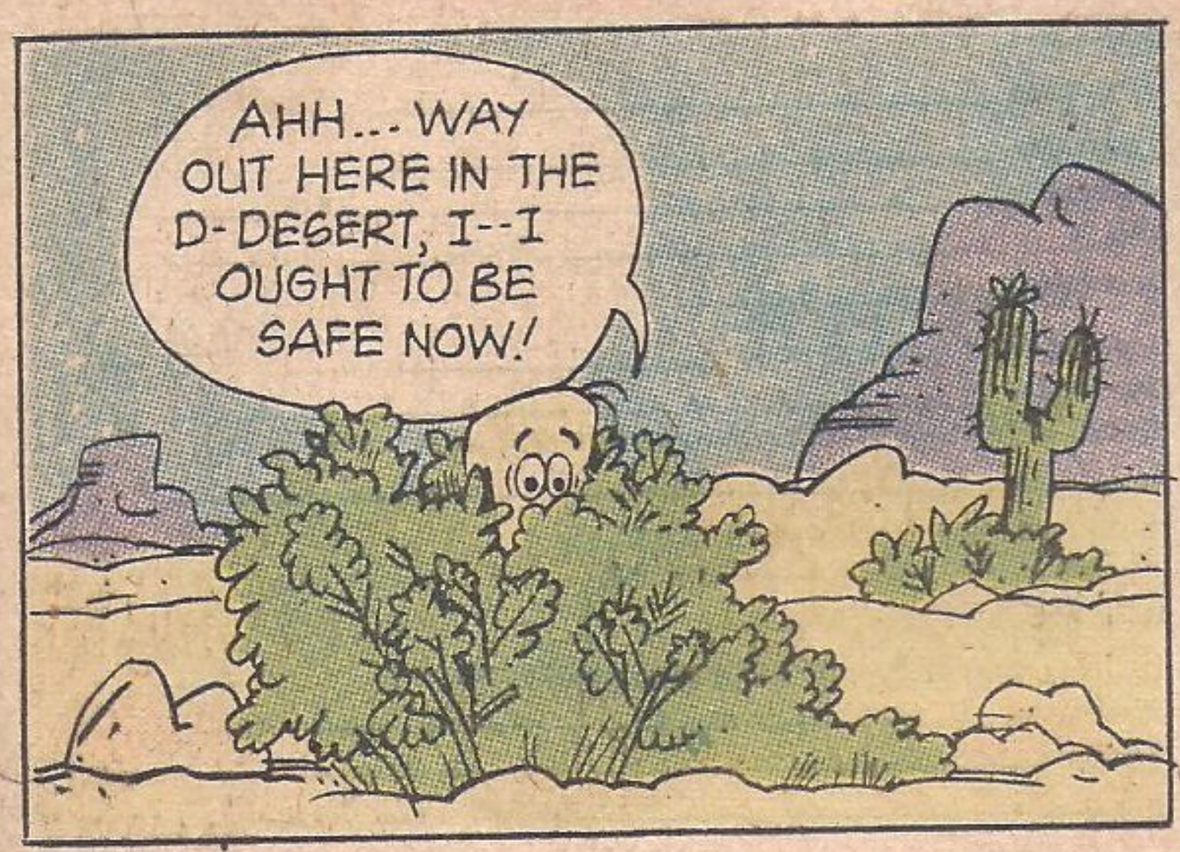
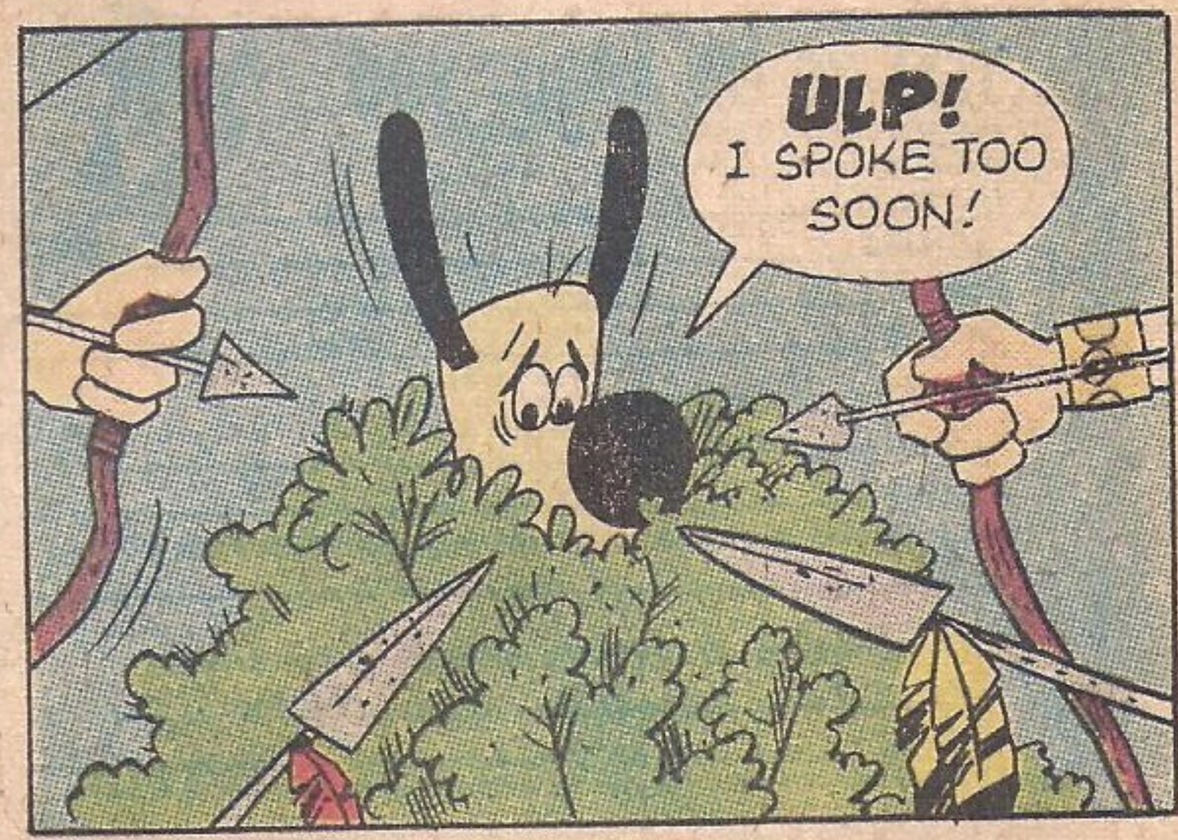
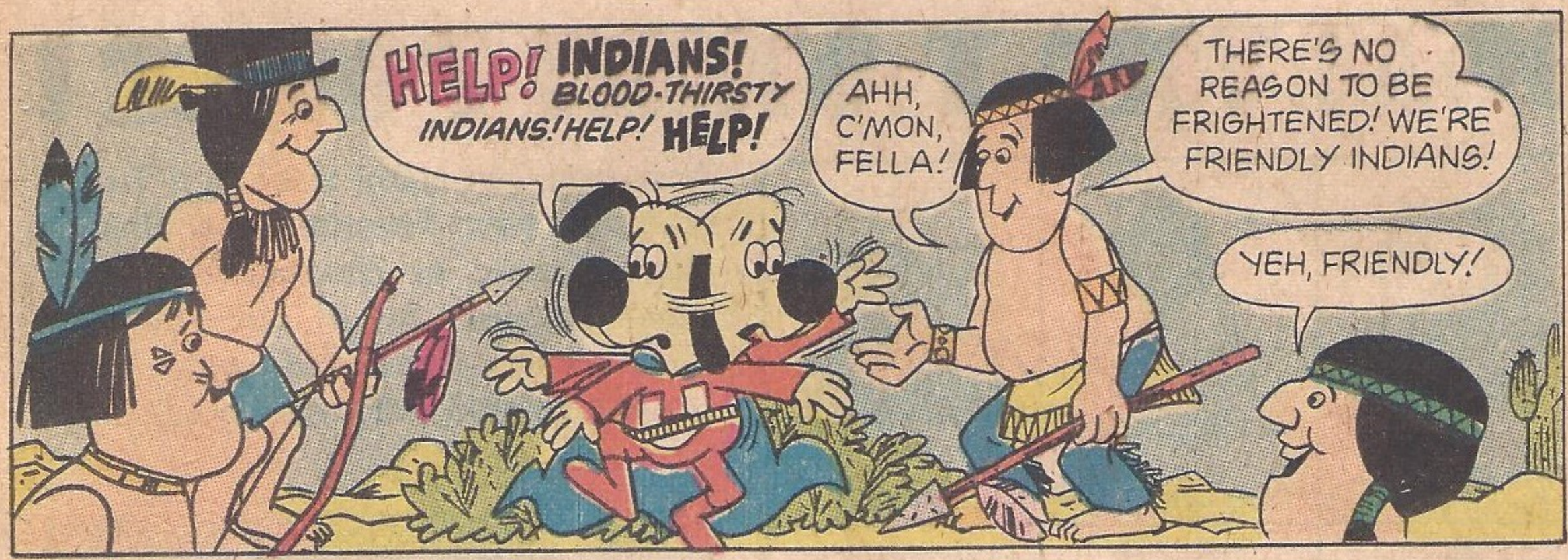
OH, MY UNDERDOG, WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU?


WELL, SO MUCH FOR HIM! AND NOW THAT UNDERDOG'S OUT OF THE WAY, LET'S GO ROB THE WEST BANK!
GREAT IDEA, BOSS!


AHH... WAY OUT HERE IN THE D-DESERT, I--I OUGHT TO BE SAFE NOW!

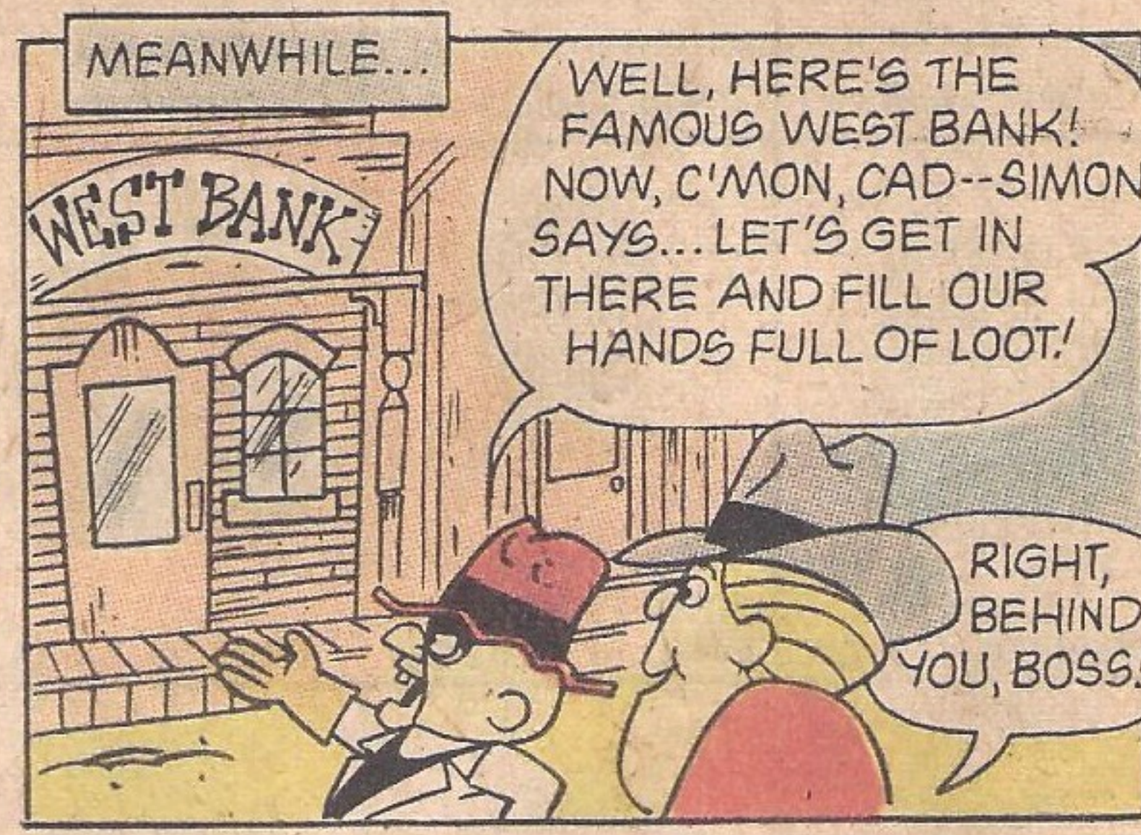

ULP! I SPOKE TOO SOON!


HELP! INDIANS! BLOOD-THIRSTY INDIANS! HELP! HELP!
AHH, C'MON, FELLA!
THERE'S NO REASON TO BE FRIGHTENED! WE'RE FRIENDLY INDIANS!
YEH, FRIENDLY!

OOP--LOOK!! I CAN SEE IN HIS EYES THAT SOMEBODY PUT A ROTTEN SPELL ON HIM!
OOH... HELP! HELP!

BUT, DON'T WORRY, FELLA! WE CAN TAKE THE SPELL OFF YOU!
C'MON, GUYS--LET'S DO OUR OLD INDIAN TAKING-A-SPELL-OFF DANCE!

OOMGOWAH... EATES-SKAY... RICKETY-TICKETY-TIN...
OOOH, THESE DANCING INDIANS ARE SO SCARY!


MEANWHILE...
WEST BANK
WELL, HERE'S THE FAMOUS WEST BANK! NOW, C'MON, CAD--SIMON SAYS... LET'S GET IN THERE AND FILL OUR HANDS FULL OF LOOT!
RIGHT, BEHIND YOU, BOSS!

OKAY, BUSTER-- REACH FOR THE ROOF! AND HAND OVER ALL YOUR MONEY!
A BANK ROBBERY! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!

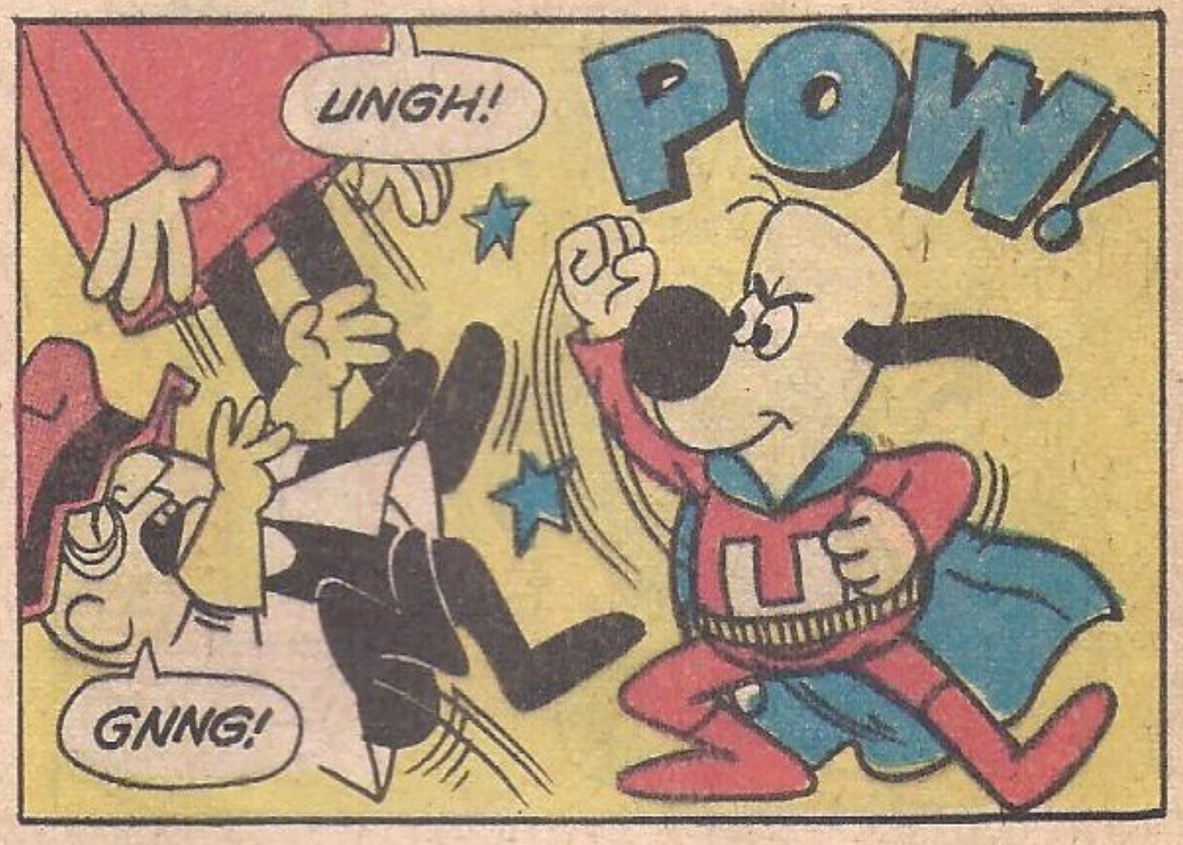
I SAW UNDER-DOG EARLIER! HE'S IN TOWN! HE'LL SAVE US!
HELP, UNDER-DOG! HELP!
HA! THAT'S NOT GOING TO WORK, BUSTER!

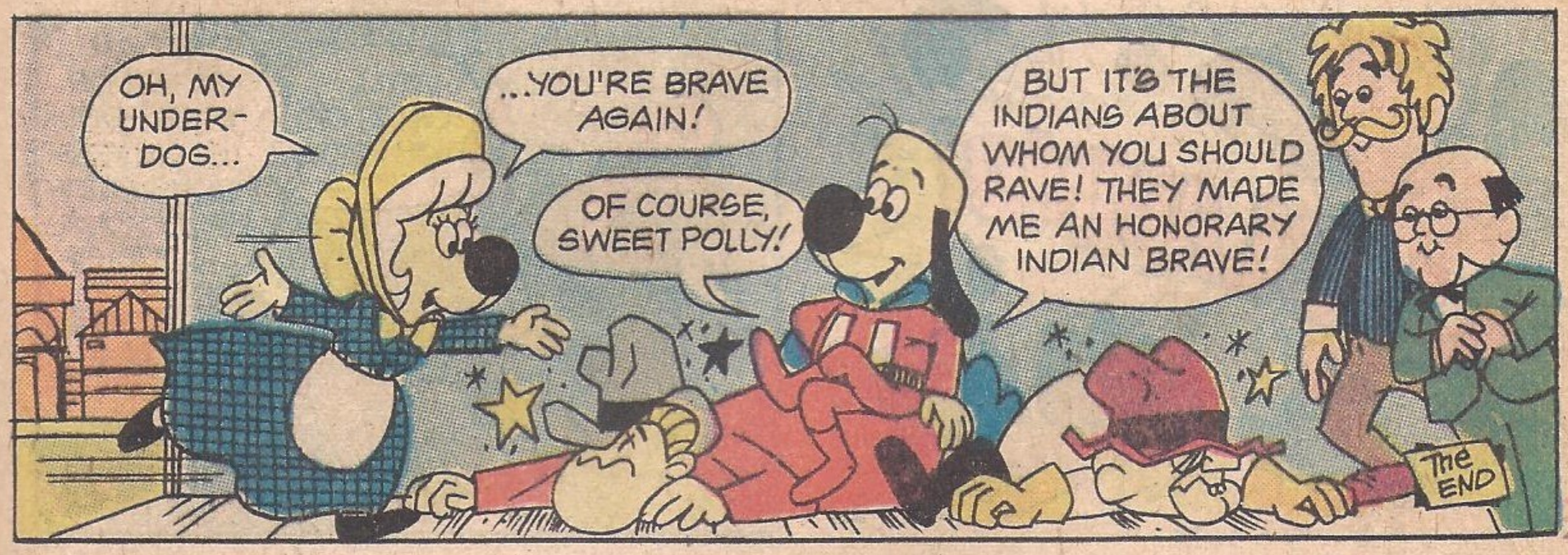
THAT FINKY UNDERDOG IS TOO FRIGHTENED TO HELP ANYONE!
B-BUT WAIT A MINUTE, B-BOSS! LOOK!
NOW, FOR YOUR CRIMES, SIMON, YOU'RE GOING TO PAY!

YES, IT'S ME, UNDERDOG -- HERE TO SAVE THE DAY!
THE RAY MUST HAVE WORN OFF! BUT ANOTHER BLAST WILL FIX HIM!

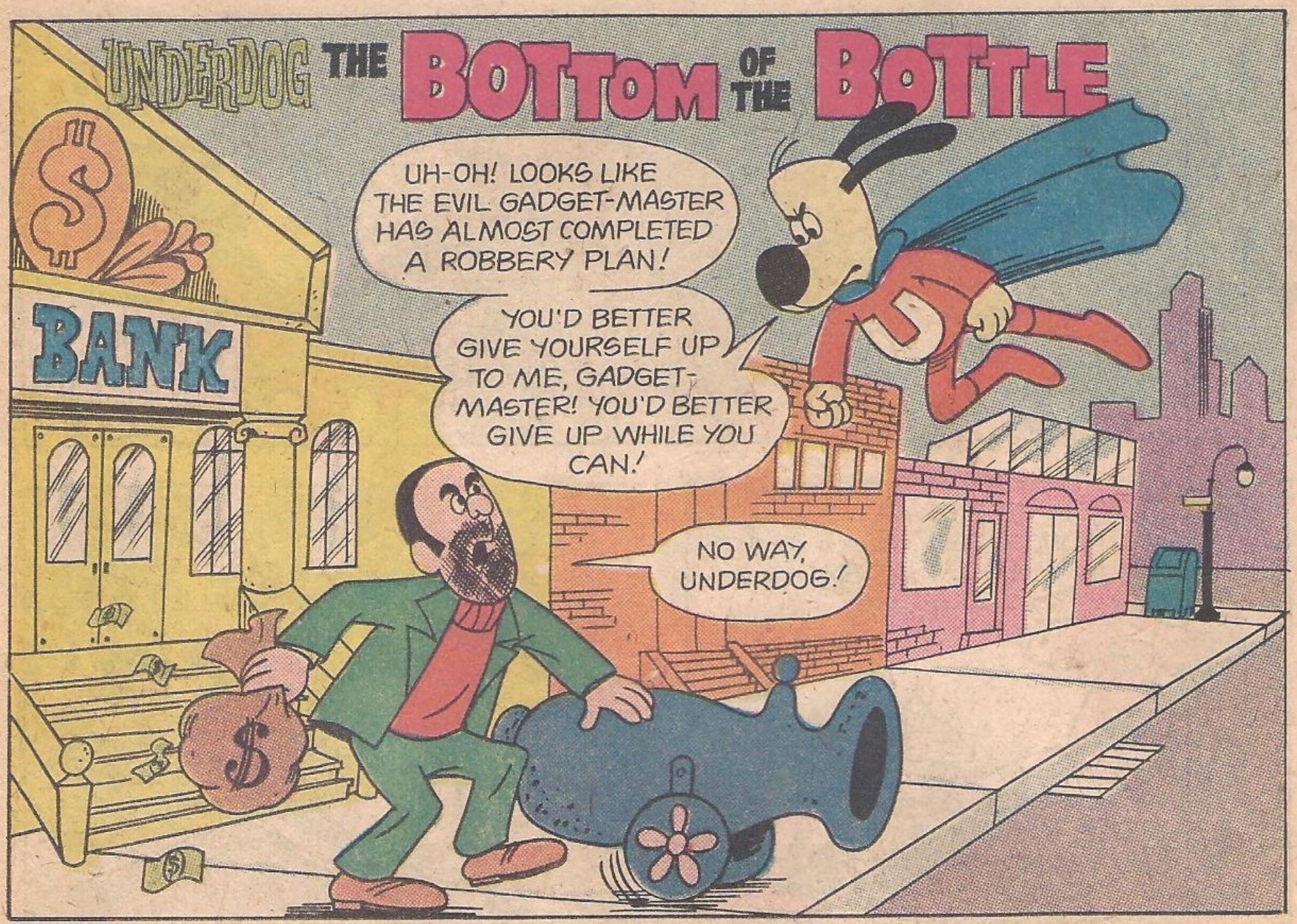
SIMON SAYS: TAKE THAT, YOU RAT!
BZZZZT!

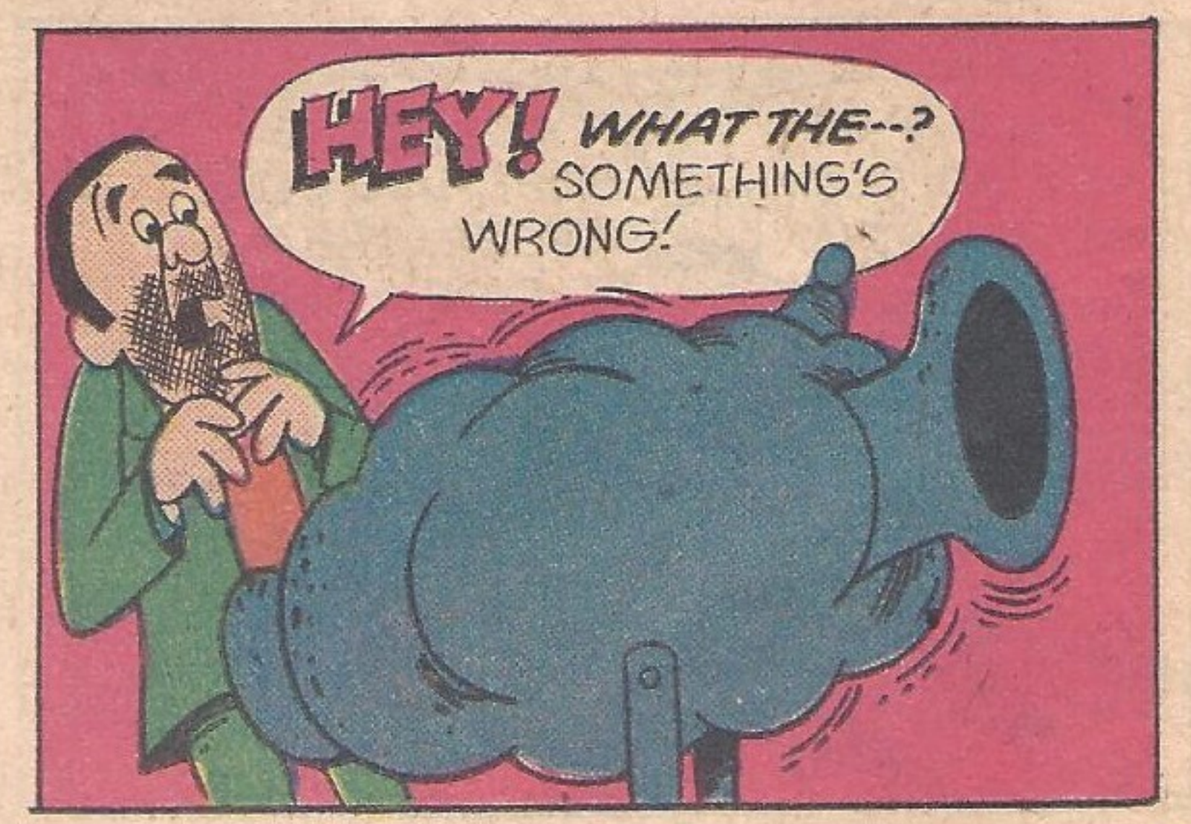
WHA--? HE-- HE'S STILL COMING TOWARD US!
SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG! THE R-RAY DIDN'T WORK!

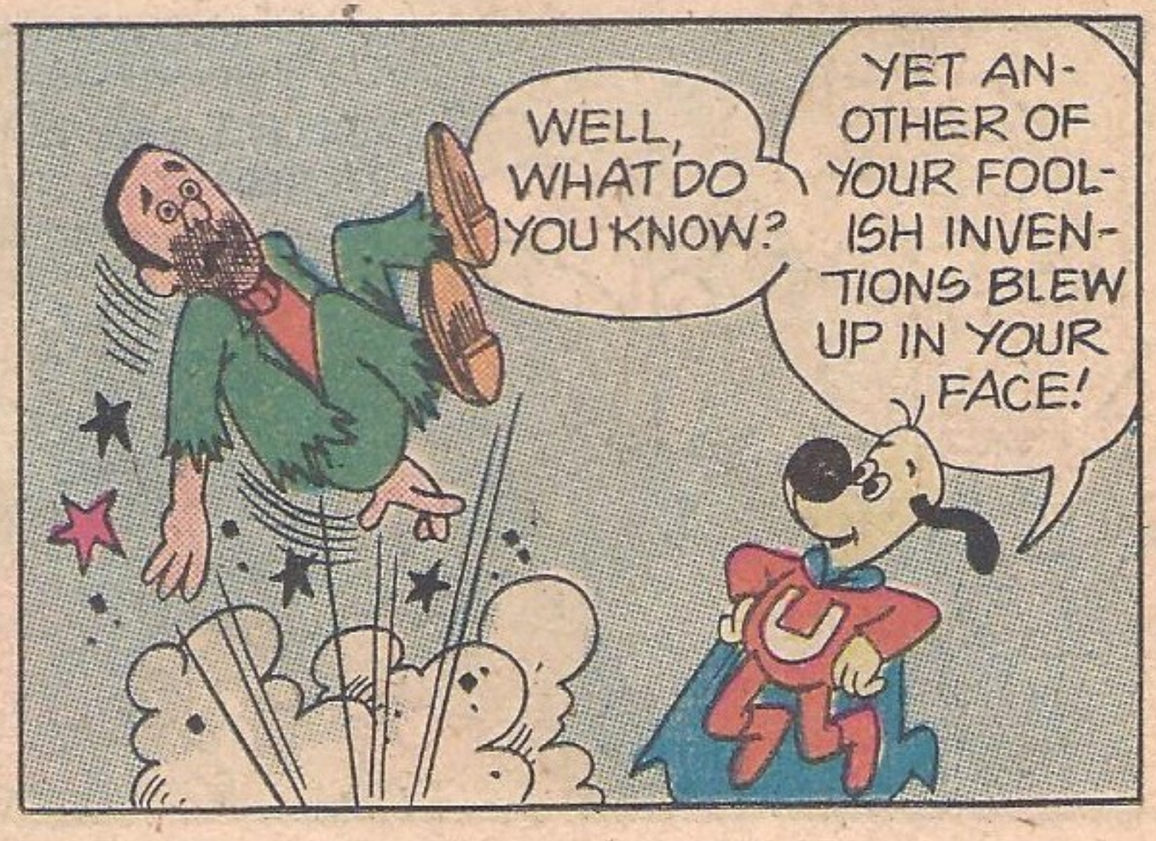

UNGH!
POW!
GNNG!


OH, MY UNDER-DOG...
...YOU'RE BRAVE AGAIN!
OF COURSE, SWEET POLLY!
BUT IT'S THE INDIANS ABOUT WHOM YOU SHOULD RAVE! THEY MADE ME AN HONORARY INDIAN BRAVE!
The END

UNDERDOG THE BOTTOM OF THE BOTTLE



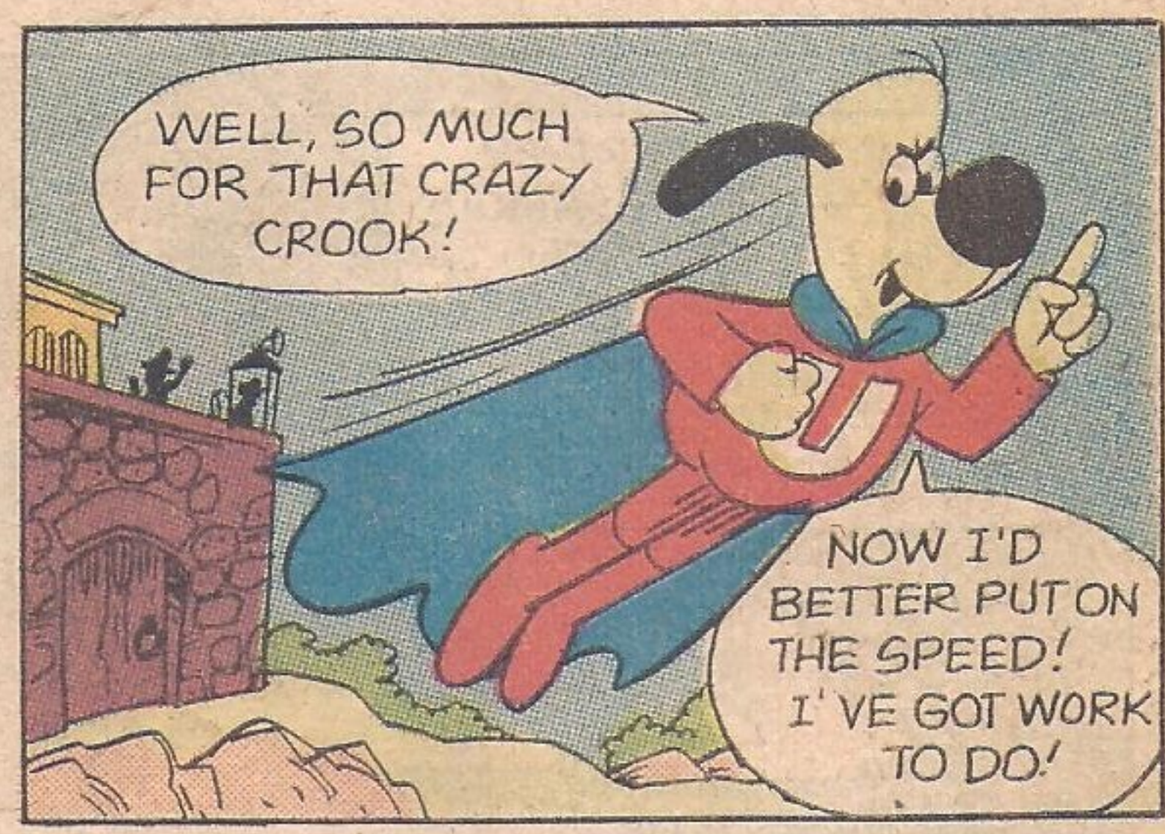


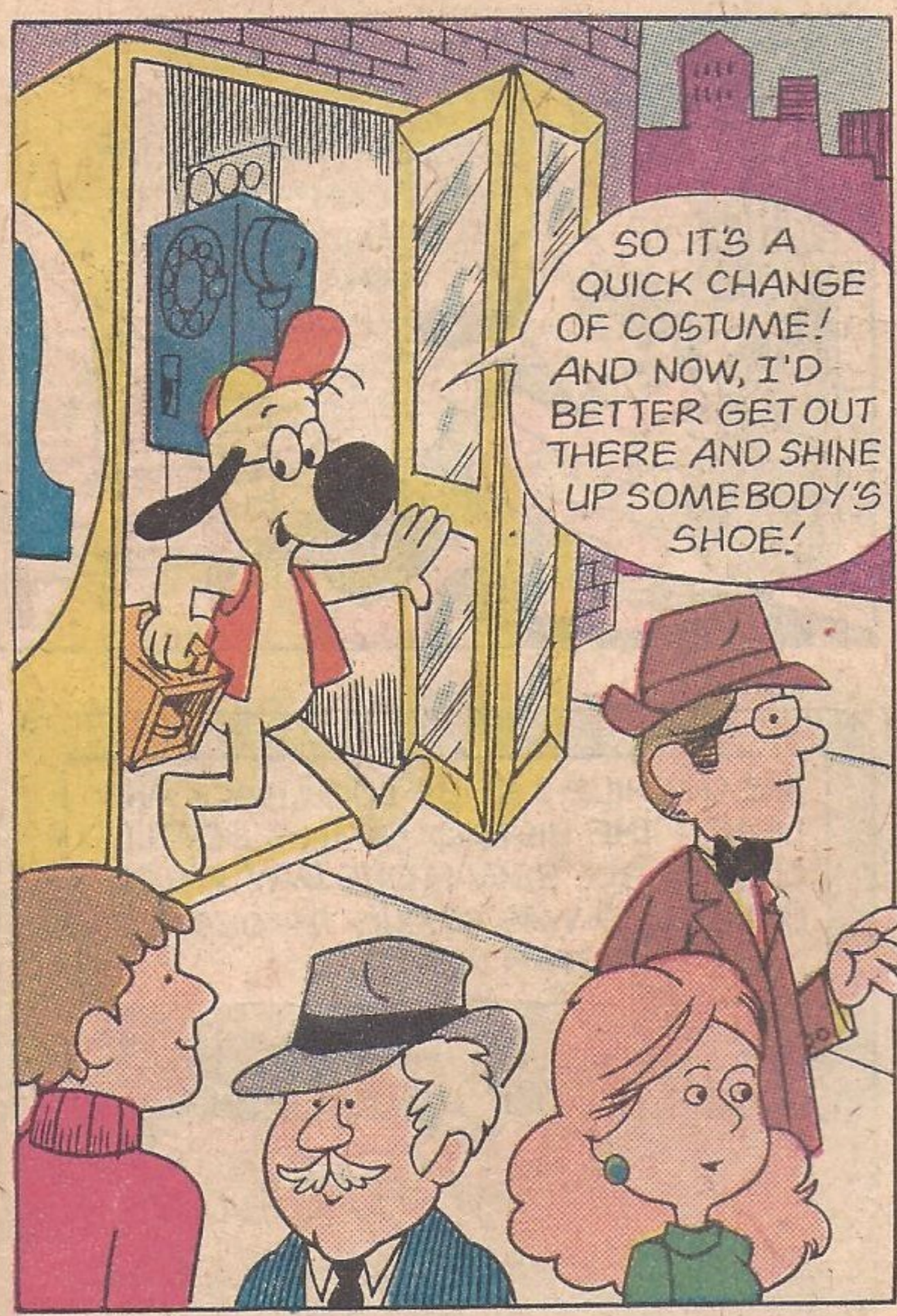


AND NOW, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S UP TO LITTLE OLD ME TO PUT YOU RIGHT IN YOUR PLACE!
HUNH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

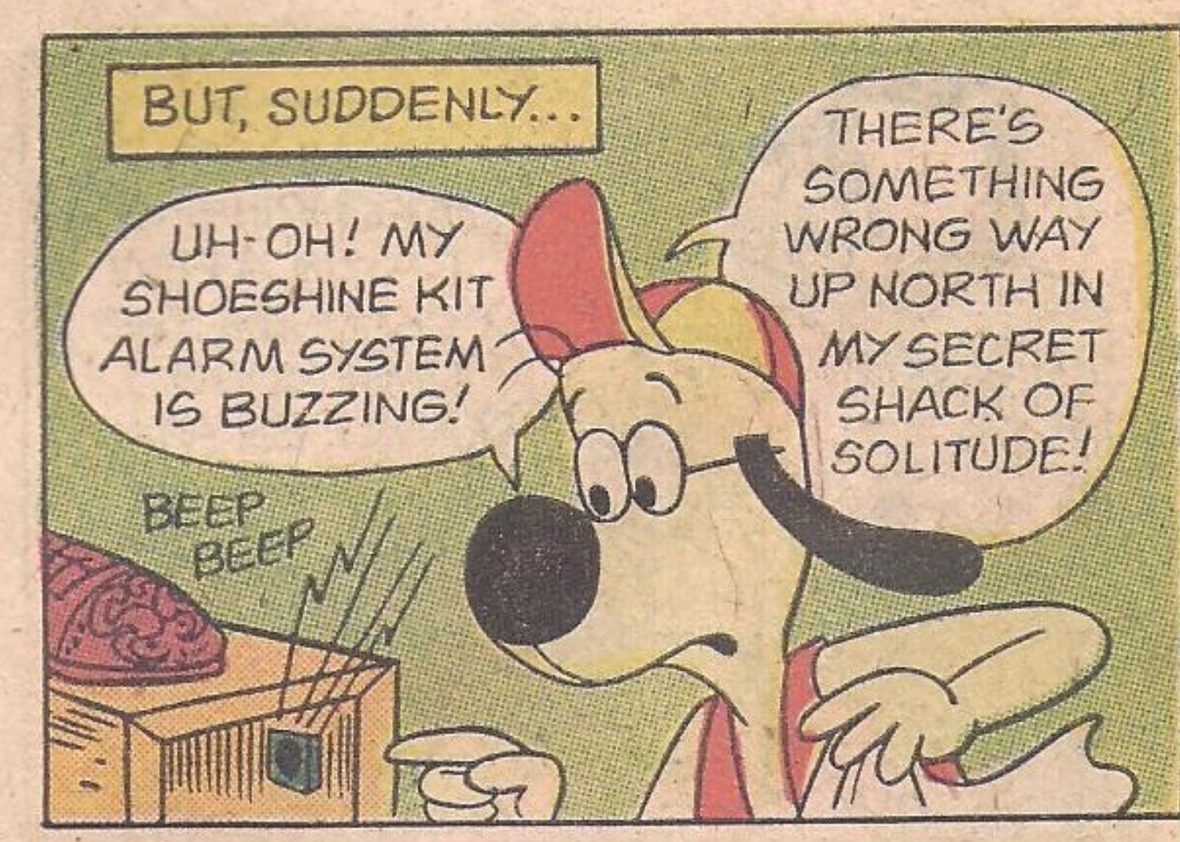
AWW, C'MON NOW, GADGET-MASTER-- DON'T PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW! YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN!

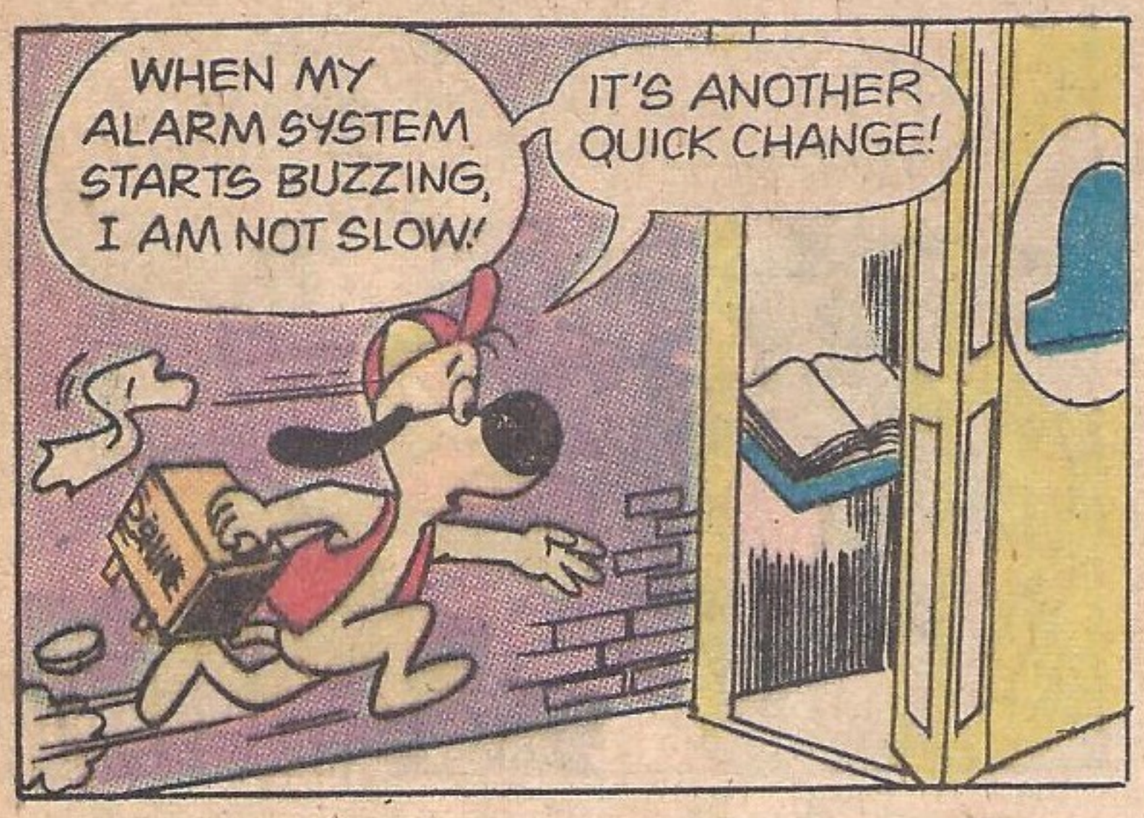
THIS IS WHERE YOU'RE GOING--A PLACE WHERE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN!
NOT THE BIG CITY PRISON!
OH, NO!


WELL, SO MUCH FOR THAT CRAZY CROOK!
NOW I'D BETTER PUT ON THE SPEED! I'VE GOT WORK TO DO!


SO IT'S A QUICK CHANGE OF COSTUME! AND NOW, I'D BETTER GET OUT THERE AND SHINE UP SOMEBODY'S SHOE!

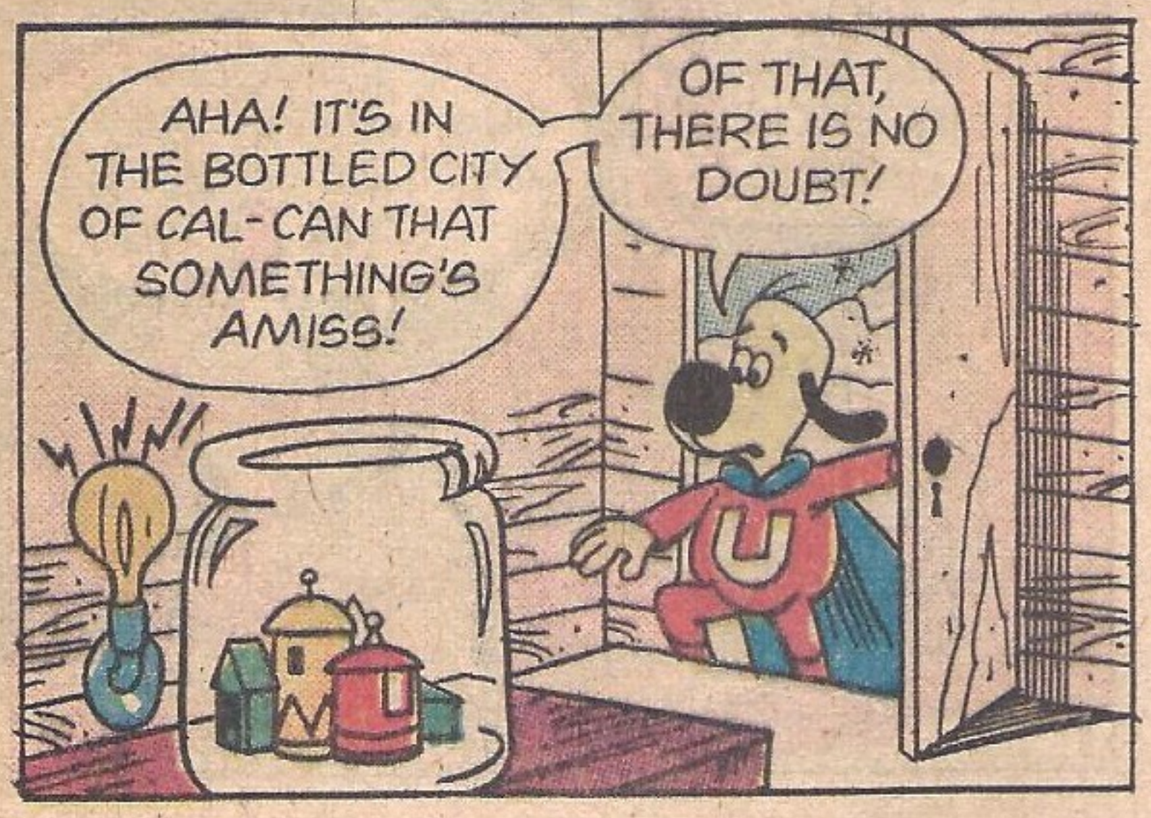
SO, SHOE-SHINE BOY GOES BACK TO WORK...
TEE-DUM, TEE-DUM! ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER SHOE! LA LA ♫ ...♫
SHINE


BUT, SUDDENLY...
UH-OH! MY SHOESHINE KIT ALARM SYSTEM IS BUZZING!
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WAY UP NORTH IN MY SECRET SHACK OF SOLITUDE!
BEEP BEEP


WHEN MY ALARM SYSTEM STARTS BUZZING, I AM NOT SLOW!
IT'S ANOTHER QUICK CHANGE!

THEN, AWAY I GO!
WHOOSH!

AND, UP EVEN FURTHER NORTH THAN THE FAMOUS NORTH POLE, WE FIND THAT SECRET SHACK WHERE UNDERDOG KEEPS ALL HIS TROPHIES OF BATTLES PAST...
I WONDER WHAT COULD BE WRONG! WELL, IN A MOMENT, I OUGHT TO FIND OUT!


AHA! IT'S IN THE BOTTLED CITY OF CAL-CAN THAT SOMETHING'S AMISS!
OF THAT, THERE IS NO DOUBT!

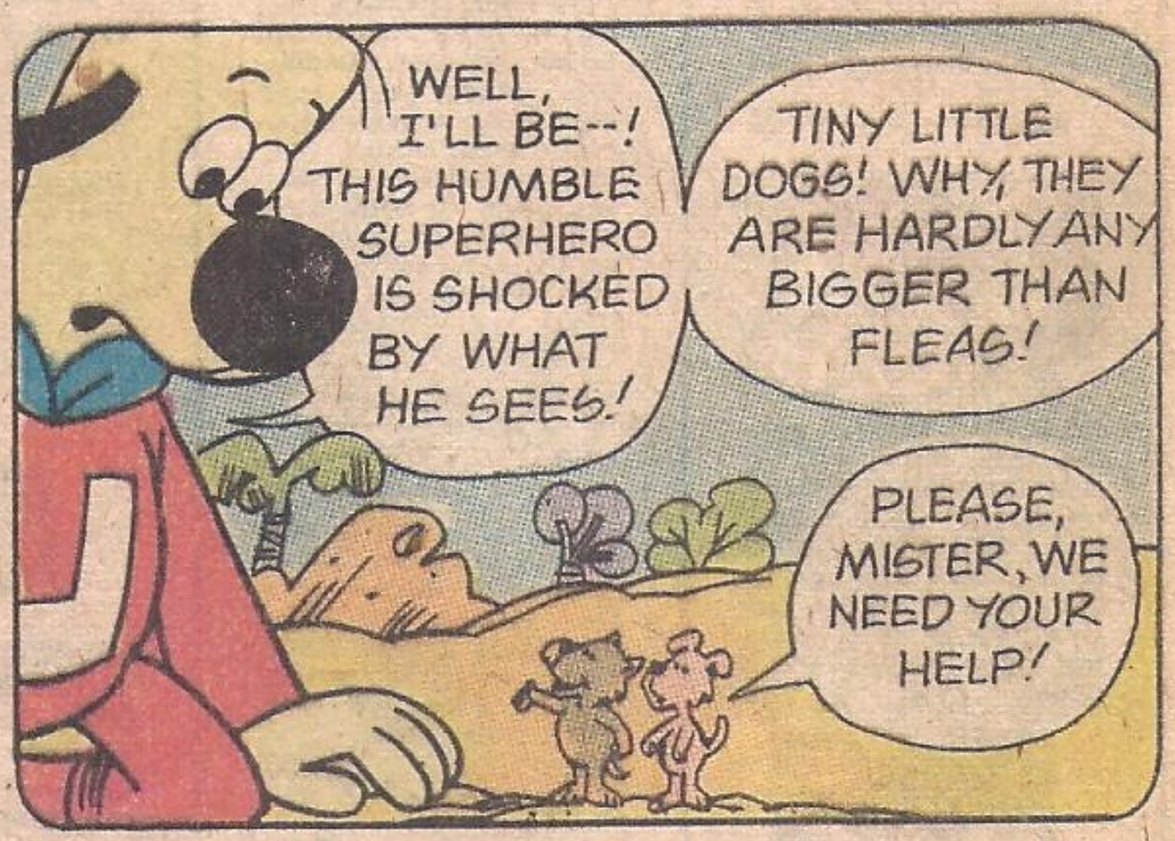
SHRINKO
NOW, I'D BETTER SHRINK MYSELF DOWN, SO I CAN GET IN THERE AND FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT'S UP!

SHRINKO
BZZP
THANKS TO MY SHRINKING RAY, IN A FEW SECONDS, THIS UNDERDOG WILL BE A TINY UNDERPUP!

MEANWHILE, LET US LOOK BACK AND LEARN THE HISTORY OF THIS BOTTLED CITY! IT ALL BEGAN ONE DAY WHILE UNDERDOG WAS FLYING THROUGH OUTER SPACE...

SUDDENLY...
HELP! SOMEBODY PLEASE HELP US! OOHH-- HELP!
WHOOP! A CALL OF DISTRESS--I'M COMING FROM THAT PLANET...
...OVER THERE!

HUNH? SEEMS TO BE NO ONE AROUND! BUT THAT CALL CAME FROM RIGHT HERE, I'D SWEAR!
HEY! DOWN HERE!


WELL, I'LL BE--! THIS HUMBLE SUPERHERO IS SHOCKED BY WHAT HE SEES!
TINY LITTLE DOGS! WHY, THEY ARE HARDLY ANY BIGGER THAN FLEAS!
PLEASE, MISTER, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

OH, NO! HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE CATS WHO WANTS TO STOMP ALL OVER US, AND CRUSH OUR CITY BENEATH HIS FEET, TOO!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM!

I CAN HANDLE A CAT LIKE THIS!
WHA--?

ALL IT TAKES IS ONE PUNCH TO KNOCK THIS FELINE FLAT!
POW!
!
UNGH!

OH, THANK YOU, MR. GIANT DOG! YOU CERTAINLY SAVED US THIS TIME!
YES, BUT WHAT NOW?

THERE ARE GIANT CATS ALL OVER THIS PLANET! AND THEY'RE ALWAYS STOMPING ON OUR TINY LITTLE DOG VILLAGE!
OURS IS THE ONLY TINY LITTLE DOG VILLAGE LEFT!
YOU'VE GOT TO HELP US!

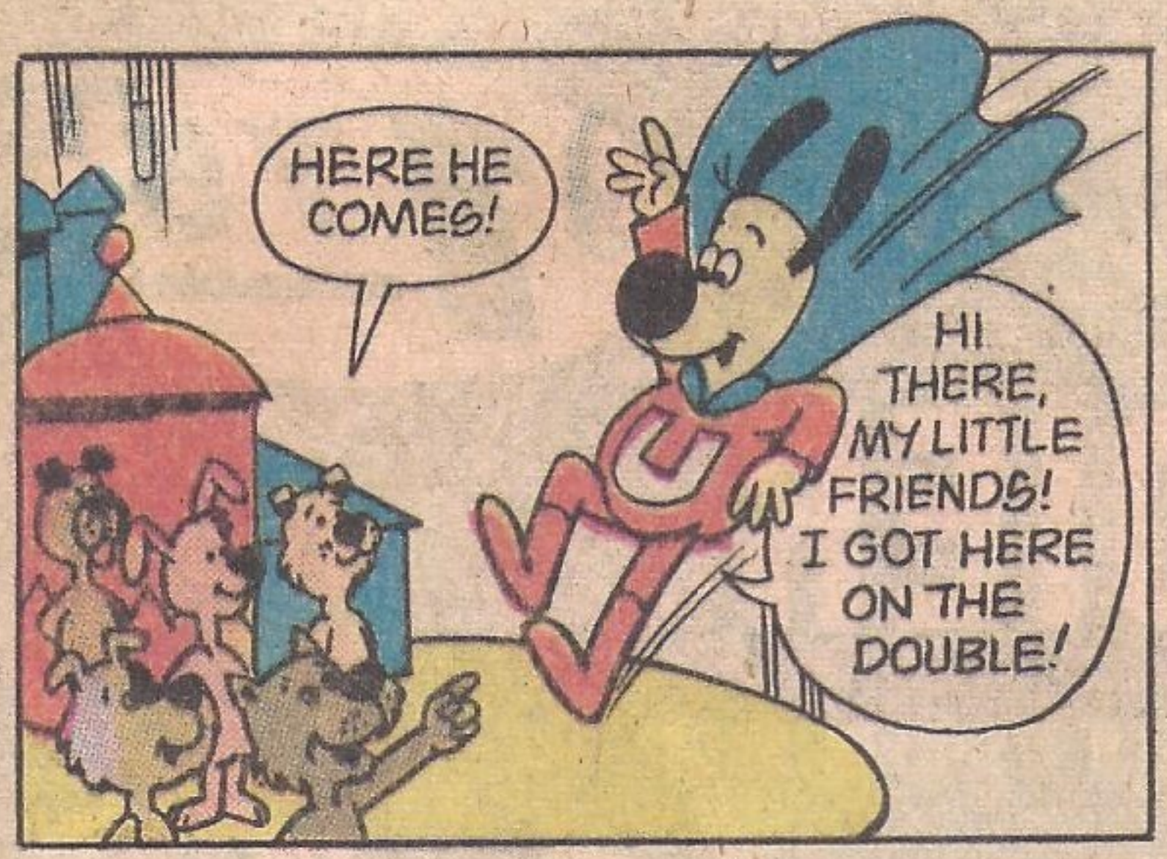
SO--YOU NEED HELP AGAINST MORE THAN ONE CAT! THAT I CAN PLAINLY SEE!
WAIT! I'VE GOT IT! A GREAT AND WONDERFUL IDEA JUST CAME TO ME!

I'LL JUST PUT YOUR CITY IN THE BOTTOM OF THIS BOTTLE, ALONG WITH YOU GUYS!

AND I'LL TAKE YOU BACK TO EARTH WITH ME...
...WHERE YOU'LL BE SAFE EVEN AT YOUR SIZE!

AND NOW...
SHRINKO
AH, I'M SHRUNK WAY DOWN! MY SHRINKING RAY JUST NEVER MISSES!

AND NOW, TO GET DOWN IN THERE, AND FIND OUT JUST WHAT THIS THING THAT'S AMISS IS!


HERE HE COMES!
HI THERE, MY LITTLE FRIENDS! I GOT HERE ON THE DOUBLE!

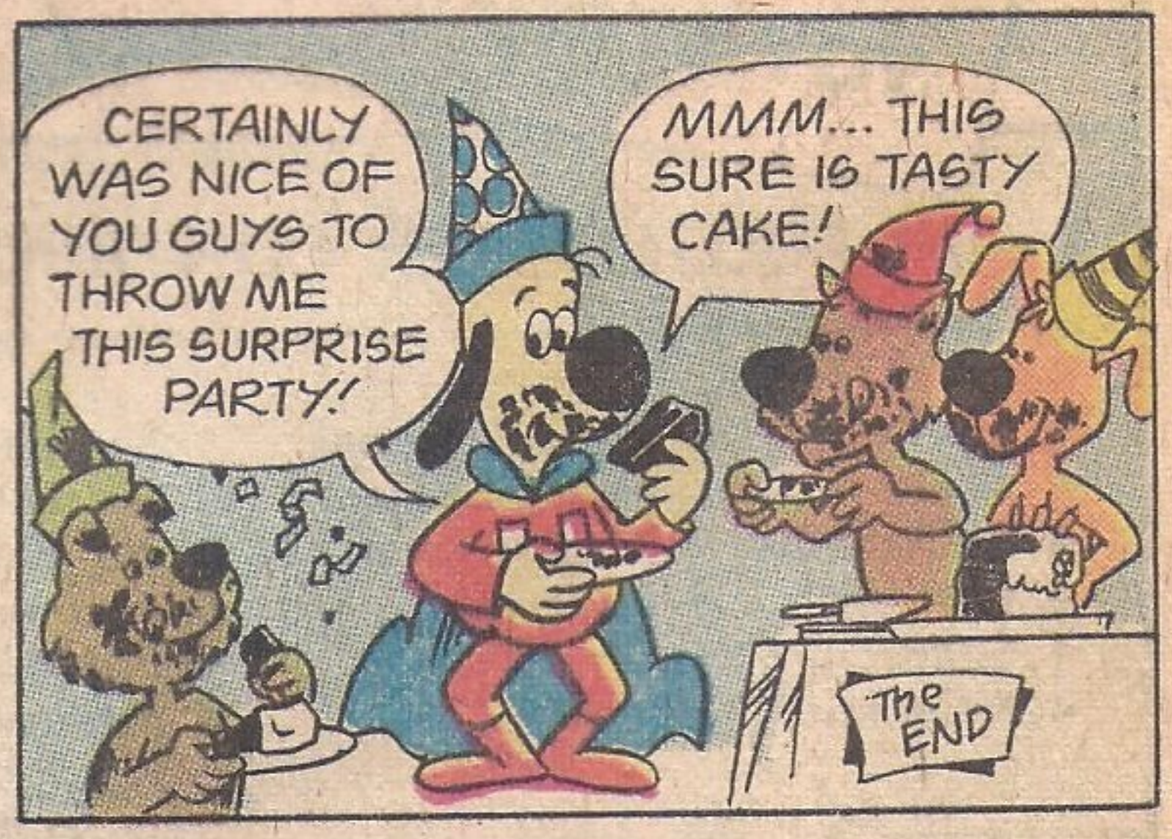
I'LL TRY TO FIX WHATEVER'S WRONG! NOW, TELL ME--WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?
WE HATE TO BOTHER A BUSY SUPERHERO LIKE YOU, UNDERDOG...

...BUT THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT! YOU'D BETTER FOLLOW US!
I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO ENJOY THIS!
ENJOY? WHY, WHAT CAN YOU MEAN?

THIS IS THE STRANGEST SITUATION I'VE EVER SEEN!
RIGHT IN HERE, PAL!

HUH?
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ♪♪, UNDERDOG! ♪♪

WHY, IT IS MY BIRTHDAY!
AND, I HAD FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT IT! WHY, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE!


CERTAINLY WAS NICE OF YOU GUYS TO THROW ME THIS SURPRISE PARTY!
MMM... THIS SURE IS TASTY CAKE!
The END